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## Potential new base for active over-60s

A CHARITY has unveiled plans for an activity centre for elderly people at The Waterfront complex in Brierley Hill.

Age UK wants to open the centre at a retail unit and the charity is in advanced negotiations with Westfield, the owners of the outlet in Level Street.

It currently runs activities from Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Merry Hill Activity Centre and its Dudley borough headquarters in Cradley Road, Netherton.

### Move

Christine Szygowski, senior manager at Dudley Age UK, said: "Nothing has been signed and sealed yet, but we are really happy with the new location and hope we can move in soon."

"The location makes it easily accessible for people and it is in a central location in the borough."

The charity offers a range of activities from Monday to Friday for 300 to 350 people aged 60 and over every week, including dancing and keep fit, coffee meetings and cycling events.

Under the plan, the charity would continue to use its base in Netherton and the Merry Hill Activity Centre.

The centre would be next to cafe Harry @ The Waterfront.

## Taxi checks are planned

A CRACKDOWN on illegal taxis is being launched in the run-up to Christmas.

Both hackney carriage and private hire taxi drivers will be spot-checked as part of the operation, being launched by Dudley Council and West Midlands Police.

Officers will ensure private hire drivers are also only taking pre-booked customers and not collecting people who hail them in the street. Hackney carriages will be checked to ensure they are running their meters appropriately from the start of all journeys.

# ASTHMA U-TURN WILL SAVE LIVES

Report by Lee Watton

**EMERGENCY** asthma inhalers will be allowed in schools across the country under plans to reverse controversial rules which prevented their use.

Stourbridge MP Margot James looks set to claim victory and force the U-turn following talks with Health Minister Earl Lowe. She had argued that regulations preventing schools from stocking an emergency inhaler were potentially putting thousands of children's lives at risk.

## Magistrates' court move resign threat

ANGRY magistrates are prepared to resign over a controversial Government plan to halt criminal cases at Dudley Magistrates Court, says a Dudley MP.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin says a magistrate, who asked for their name to be withheld, told him: "Everyone on the Black Country Bench is unhappy with the proposals. Almost certainly I shall be resigning from the bench."

The comments were made to the MP in writing following his launch of a petition calling for criminal cases to stay at Dudley, which has attracted 1,200 signatures.

Colin Knipe, former chairman of Dudley Magistrates said: "Lots of Dudley magistrates are seriously considering resigning."

"They are incensed because the only magistrates in the Black Country who have not been consulted about where they wish to sit next year are the 100 plus Dudley magistrates."

Mr Austin has called for a debate on the issue in the House of Commons and has called on officials to meet with him.

"These comments from local people deeply involved in Dudley's criminal court show just how much damage the Government's plans will do to local justice in our area," he said. "I'm particularly concerned by the number of magistrates who have been in touch to tell me they are seriously considering handing in their resignation."

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And Mr Howe has now confirmed the Commission of Human Medicines has recommended the rules are changed allowing schools to keep a spare inhaler for use in an emergency.

The guidelines were introduced by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

Miss James said the recommendation for the rules to be changed was due to be signed off by the Department of Health this week.

A six-week public consultation will then follow with the changes, if they get the final go-ahead, expected to be brought in next spring.

### Concerned

Schools in Dudley borough previously kept a generic inhaler for use by any pupil in an emergency, but following the policy change they were no longer able to do so.

Miss James called a meeting with Dudley Council, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, Asthma UK and concerned parents to discuss the change and make recommendations.

The group agreed it would be in the public interest for there to be emergency asthma care provisions in schools.

Miss James said: "I am delighted health ministers have acted quickly in response to the concerns I have raised."

"Parents were very concerned when schools were suddenly instructed not to permit the use of a general asthma inhaler."

"This ruling was in accordance with the letter of the law but in reality children with asthma were safer when schools were able to use these general inhalers."

"Following my meeting with Lord Howe this week I am very pleased that, pending the required consultation, the regulations will be amended to permit schools across the country to keep an inhaler for use in emergencies from next spring."

"This will help to safeguard children with asthma and prevent any unnecessary hospital admissions, or even deaths."

## Twilight trek boosts charity



In the pink – Sarah Vickers and Hazel Jeaynes joined the twilight racers at Himley Hall

THEY donned everything from bunny ears to bright pink tutus and some even took along a pet dog. But hundreds of women who turned out for a charity run all had one thing in common – raising money for a good cause.

The inaugural Race for Life Twilight event saw the ladies covering 5k once dark-

ness had fallen in the grounds of Himley Hall. It is the first time it has been held and was organised for Cancer Research.

A minute's silence was held in memory of those who have died from cancer before the 558 women set off.

Officials said they expected the event to bring in around £55,000 for the charity.

## Theatre's campaign appeal is launched

AN APPEAL has been launched to raise around £5,000 to help campaigners fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome.

Campaigners have looked into ways they can apply for multi-million grants to take over and renovate the historic theatre building.

They want to set up a charitable trust which will allow them to access arts funding from organisations such as the National Lottery.

But they have to demonstrate to the Charity Commission that they can raise an income and have a minimum of £5,000 in their bank account.

### Meeting

This prompted the launch of an appeal by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome at a public meeting at The Station Hotel this week.

The Friends want to start a charity organisation called the Dudley Hippodrome Theatre Trust to take over from the campaign group.

Around 45 people attended the public meeting to hear the latest on the group's hopes to save the venue on Castle Hill, which is threatened by demolition.

The building was given a stay of execution after councillors sitting on Dudley Council's planning committee deferred a decision two months ago.

## Town centre toilets bid

PUBLIC toilets will be built for shoppers under multi-million pound plans to renovate a market place.

Dudley Council has drawn up designs for an overhaul of the market in Dudley High Street. It includes a new stall layout, as well as sprucing up the fountain.

The existing ageing toilet block by the market place will be demolished to open up views towards Dudley Castle. Meanwhile, the council has now submitted a planning application for toilet facilities at a shop unit in Castle Street.

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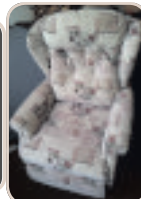
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## Council's park offices revamp aims to save money

DUDLEY Council offices at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park will be given a six-figure revamp as part of a scheme to save cash and make better use of space.

Bosses are reducing the number of buildings used by council workers in the borough under plans to save in £3.6 million.

Twelve sites are being sold off while others, including the park offices, will be kept by the but are being refurbished.

The council says sale of buildings will generate £3.6m and save the authority £400,000 a year.

The offices at Mary Stevens Park previously housed workers from the urban environment department but they have relocated to Ednam Road in Dudley.

Now the park offices will be used by children's services staff to create a hub in the south of the borough to support vulnerable children and families in the Stourbridge area.

Workers will move to the base from two leased properties as well as freehold sites at Halesowen District Office and Church Street Education Centre in Pensnett.

The offices at Mary Stevens Park will be refurbished at a cost of £121,000.

Council leader David Sparks, who approved the project, said: "In order to accommodate the most vulnerable children and families, essential improvement works are required to the ground floor of the building."

It is hoped the work can get under way next month. The three-year programme to relocate staff is set to be completed by next summer. The overall project includes the refurbishment of six main offices and relocation of some 1,500 staff.

## Punishment for thugs is 'a joke' says victim

THREE people who beat up a Coseley scrap yard worker in a dispute over £10 worth of metal have been given community orders by a judge - prompting their victim to brand the criminal justice system 'a joke'.

## Rapist jailed for 12 years after young girl's ordeal



**Jail - Christopher Reynolds**  
A 28-YEAR-OLD man from Rowley Regis has been jailed for 12 years for the rape of a young girl - putting her through a 'terrible ordeal' and the trauma of giving evidence at his trial.

Police said the crime - which happened when the girl was aged 12 - would affect her for life.

## Sentenced

Christopher Reynolds, of Throne Crescent, Rowley Regis, denied one charge of rape and two of sexual activity with the child. But he was found guilty after a trial and was sentenced at Worcester Crown Court.

Reynolds previously lived in the Kidderminster area, where the offences were committed.

Detective Constable Claire Marsden, of West Mercia Police, said: "Reynolds put this young girl through a terrible ordeal."

Machine operator Ben Millard suffered cuts to his head and face when the three thugs beat him after he refused their asking price for a radiator they had taken to Enablelink UK in Coseley.

Brothers Francis and Henry Doe, and a 17-year-old who cannot be named because of his age, were all convicted of assault occasioning actual bodily harm following a trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court last month.

## Shocked

The jury also acquitted Francis Doe of possessing a knuckle duster and Henry Doe of possessing a metal bar.

Francis Doe was also found not guilty of assaulting another man.

Appearing at Birmingham Crown Court last week, the three were sentenced by Judge Philip Parker QC.

Francis Doe, aged 24, of Odstock Road in Salisbury, was given a 12-month community order to complete 100 hours unpaid work.

Henry Doe, 22, also of Odstock Road, received a six month community order to attend a Keeping Calm and Getting To Know You programme.

The youth was given a six-month youth rehabilitation order with a supervision requirement.

Between them, the trio were also ordered to pay Mr Millard £450 in compensation.

Judge Parker said: "In simple terms you were customers of a scrap yard in Coseley, an altercation occurred over the items you were bringing into be



Father-of-two Ben Millard, aged 31, who was attacked by three thugs at his workplace at Enablelink UK, in Budden Road, Coseley, because they wanted him to pay more

weighted and violence then started. You, Henry, started it, Francis soon joined in and during the assault on Ben Millard, you (the youth) joined in.

"The jury were not satisfied a weapon was used."

"It was an ugly incident, totally unnecessary as you must acknowledge."

"Fortunately, Ben Millard suffered only from relative laceration and soft tissue injuries."

Mr Millard, a father-of-two from Kidderminster, said he was shocked by the trio's sentences.

The 31-year-old said the attack left him needing stitches and suffering a swollen face for weeks.

He said: "It is a joke, for them to get community orders for what they did to me."

"It is a let down by the criminal system."

"You get sentences like that for when you get a speeding fine."

He added: "If they retaliate like that over £10, I wonder what they would be like over £100 - they could kill someone."

Mr Millard, who gave evidence at the trial at Crown Court, described how two of the defendants came into the yard with the radiator.

While weighing the item, he told them they would not get the weight price because steel parts from the radiator had to be taken off before it was recycled.

He said: "They fired up. One of them went to the car to get a third man who came up to me first, then the other two joined in."

"I was left dazed on the

floor in a pool of my own blood."

Mr Millard's father, also called Ben Millard, is transport manager at the family firm in Budden Road.

## CCTV

He said CCTV cameras had since been installed around the yard to increase security.

"We never expected this, and we don't expect it to happen again," said Mr Millard.

"We are not very happy with the sentences. For what they did to my son and the injuries caused, we expected stronger punishment."

The scrap yard buys metals from the public and businesses. It sorts the items and then sells most to China where they are melted down and recycled.

## Woman, 70, died after fracture in bus incident

A WOMAN who fractured her ankle after the bus she was travelling on had to brake sharply to avoid a collision died weeks later, an inquest heard.

Janice Reed, of Brierley Hill, was thrown forward when the bus driver was forced to quickly apply the brakes after a car pulled out in the front of the vehicle on September 23.

## Hospital

She was treated for the fracture at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, Smethwick Coroners Court heard.

The 70-year-old, of Woods Lane, died at the hospital on October 10.

Senior coroner Mr Robin Balmain said tests had shown Mrs Reed died from a pulmonary embolism due to the traumatic fracture of her ankle.

He opened and adjourned the inquest for more information to be gathered. A date for the inquest to be resumed has not been set.

## Winter warm helpline back

A SCHEME that helped more than 500 households to keep warm in Dudley borough last winter is being launched again as the cold starts to bite.

The Dudley Council initiative has a winter warmth helpline on 01384 817086.

Advice is initially offered over the phone and can then be followed up by a free home visit, if required by those seeking assistance.

## Church coffee helps charity

CRADLEY Heath Baptist Church raised £230 for Macmillan Cancer Support at a coffee morning earlier this month. The cake stall included two unusual cakes decorated with images of the grade II listed church building.

Mary Stephens Hospice benefited from another coffee morning at the church, which raised £300.

## Real ale festival

AN AUTUMN beer festival is being held this weekend. The event will take place at the Old Chainyard pub in Castle Street, Coseley, from today (Thursday) to Sunday.

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## Coroner in call over CT brain scan guidelines

A SENIOR coroner is writing to a healthcare regulator over guidelines for brain scans after a retired chain welder died from head injuries following a fall.

Robin Balmain told an inquest he would be urging the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to reconsider guidelines for CT scans for people taking the anticoagulant warfarin.

He was speaking at the inquest of Lucy Kilvert, who was taken to the emergency department at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on June 14 this year.

### Deteriorated

Dudley Coroner's Court heard that when first checked Mrs Kilvert, 84, had shown no loss of consciousness or signs of vomiting. However, her condition later deteriorated and a CT scan was then carried out, revealing bleeding within her skull. The inquest was told neurological intervention had not been appropriate.

Mrs Kilvert, of Dudley Wood Road, died at the hospital on June 17.

Senior coroner Mr Robin Balmain was told she had fallen a few days prior to being admitted to hospital but had not told her family. The inquest was told the delay in the scan would 'not have changed the outcome'.

But Mr Balmain said he would still write a letter to the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence asking them to look at guidelines for CT scans for people taking the blood thinning drug warfarin as Mrs Kilvert did.

He gave a conclusion of accidental death.

"Neurological intervention was not appropriate in this case," he added.

## Retired man killed himself

A RETIRED electrician who suffered from bipolar disorder hanged himself from a banister at his home, an inquest heard.

Michael Slater was found by police at his home in Elan Close, Lower Gornal, on December 18. Officers forced entry and found the 62-year-old. He had left a note in the kitchen. Senior coroner Mr Robin Balmain was told Mr Slater suffered from depression and anxiety and had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Mr Balmain concluded that Mr Slater had killed himself.

# Landmark pub will not be getting listed status



The King Arthur pub in Dudley

A PUB which stands on a gateway route into Dudley will not be awarded listing building status by heritage bosses.

The King Arthur, on the corner of the Birmingham Road and Priory Road, has been plagued by fire and vandalism since its closure. English Heritage have inspected the building but decided that while it had 'strong local architectural interest', it did not fill the criteria to be put on the national register.

Officers explained that it had lost too many of its original features to be considered worthy of having listed status.

The heritage group was brought in after Dudley Council put a halt to plans to demolish the building, built as a roadhouse in the 1930s. The owner had notified the council that they were planning to bulldoze it.

But council bosses, believing the site was important to the town's heritage, made an order - an Article 4 Direction - that took the ability to demolish the building out of the owner's hands.

Now any such work can only be carried out if it is approved by the council's development control committee.

A report by English Heritage says that the building, which was damaged by fire in January, did not have 'the necessary special interest for a building of this date'.

Dudley Council said that the order ensuring demolition could not take place without a full planning application being submitted would remain.

Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "The building remains on our local list of buildings of historical importance, and therefore the Article 4 Direction approved by the development control committee still stands."

# Court move is branded sham and a shambles

**MAGISTRATES have branded a consultation over moves to cease criminal cases at Dudley Magistrates Court 'a sham', as more than 1,200 people signed a petition again the plan.**

The petition was started in a bid to force the Government to rethink controversial plans to shake up the courts service in the Black Country. Under the proposals, the town's magistrates court would be stripped of its criminal casework which would instead be dealt with in Wolverhampton, Walsall or Sandwell.

Justices of the Peace and former probation workers joined Dudley North MP Ian Austin to share their fears over the plans as the petition was presented. But Justice Minister Shailash Vara has defended the Government move.

It is claimed the move would hit victims and witnesses who would be expected to travel longer distances to ahead hearings. They also voiced concerns over Dudley becoming one of the largest boroughs in the country without its own criminal court.

## PCSO arrest is part of leak probe

A PCSO and three other people have been arrested by an anti-corruption unit as part of an investigation into leaked information.

The 42-year-old community support officer was arrested in Sandwell on suspicion of misconduct in a public office by the West Midlands Police Counter Corruption Unit.

The investigation was launched after information was received about a leak of police information.

Two men, aged 57 and 58, were also arrested in Blackheath and a 51-year-old woman arrested in Tipton.

They were detained on suspicion of procuring misconduct in a public office. All four have been bailed while the PCSO is suspended.

Report by Andrew Turton and Daniel Wainwright

Dudley magistrate Chris Smith, who has heard cases in the borough for 28 years, said he believed 'justice will not be seen to be done' if this is agreed.

"The whole point with magistrates is that is local justice in the local community by local people. We would lose that completely," he said.

"Generally the magistrates are very disheartened, not only with regard to the possibility of the court closing but also the way that it has been done.

"The consultation itself is a sham and we have been made promises the court service cannot possibly keep if they close this magistrates' court."

### Message

Former chairman of the Dudley bench Colin Knipe, who retired this year, added: "The court service has been starving Dudley of work over the last few years."

Mr Austin said he feared redundancies because of the shake-up and said it was another blow to Dudley after its police station was closed overnight.

Under the proposals Dudley Magistrates' Court would become a civil, family and tribunal centre.

Mr Austin said: "People in Dudley have sent a clear message - they don't want their criminal court closed

down. The Government's plans would make Dudley the largest town in the UK without a criminal court when we should be moving more services into the town centre, not taking them away."

Mr Austin also launched a bid for a parliamentary debate on proposals to close the magistrates court.

He presented the petition last week alongside campaigners including Dudley's community safety boss, Councillor Steve Waltho.

But a minister has defended plans to axe Dudley's criminal court.

The Government has said there are no plans for any redundancies and that the change is a result of falling numbers of criminal cases.

MP Ian Austin questioned the implications for staff and asked whether the Government had taken travel time to other courts in Sandwell and Walsall into account.

Justice minister Shailash Vara said: "There are no plans to make any staff redundant."

"It is proposed that Dudley courthouse will accommodate civil, family and tribunal hearings which will require staff resources thus reducing, possibly eliminating the need to ask staff to travel to neighbouring centres."

He added that 'the average travel times



Campaigner Serena Craigie and Ian Austin MP, front right, with back from left, former chairman of Dudley and Halesowen bench Colin Knipe, Councillor Steve Waltho, Councillor Keiran Casey and Councillor Asif Ahmed at Dudley Magistrates Court

included in the consultation paper do not include potential traffic delays."

### Traffic

Mr Austin said: "These answers show what a shambles this consultation has become."

"Like anyone who commutes from Dudley, I know how bad the traffic can get in the mornings but the Government expects victims and witnesses to get to court without any delays."

"It's also clear that the Government has been winding down Dudley Magistrates for some time, which is why magistrates are attending court a third less often than in 2010."

Sandra Vaughan, who has

spent 34 years as a magistrate and is the longest serving justice for the Dudley and Halesowen bench, warned that it could result in witnesses having to attend court more than once.

She said: "The Dudley Court area is the largest out of the four courts which are being merged into the Black Country Court. This means that more people would be adversely affected by any closure or changes to criminal work in the Dudley Court."

"It is acknowledged that Wolverhampton, who appear to be identified as potentially the main focus for criminal work, is not fit for purpose and whilst Dudley may have some drawbacks it is a more

modern building, easily accessible, with ample parking close by and good public transport."

"We should be looking at justice being delivered locally and speedily."

She added: "With the norm being to double and treble list trials it is inevitable that some will not be heard and witnesses will be expected to attend on more than one occasion."

"History has shown that often they will not come back a second time."

"When we look at the proposals for youths it is even more important that young people are dealt with locally and not have to travel long distances."

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## NEWS in brief

### Post office branch gets a makeover

A POST Office branch will close for almost a week by modernisation work.

The branch in High Street, Brierley Hill, will also have a minor extension of its opening hours after its make-over.

It will shut from November 11 and, when it reopens at 1pm on November 15 will have four new serving positions and new retail point.

The Brierley Hill Post Office will extend its opening hours on Saturdays by two hours until 5.30pm. Its opening hours on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays will change from 8.45 to 9am. Customers can use the nearest branches at Merry Hill and in Stourbridge Road, Holly Hall.

### Route is closed by work on trees

PART of a busy route through Halesowen has shut for a week while work to remove overhanging trees takes place.

The westbound carriageway of the A456 Manor Way, between Grange roundabout and Hayley Green roundabout, is closed until Sunday to allow contractors to work during daylight hours to remove the dangerous trees.

Traffic will be diverted via Grange Road, Queensway and Hagley.

### Funds are raised in memory of wife

A FUNDRAISER has helped to generate £2,000 for a charity close to his heart. Gurcharan Singh Bedi, of Brierley Hill, sold 800 raffle tickets in aid of White House Cancer Support in Dudley.

Mr Bedi has been raising money for the charity for five years in memory of his wife, Mrs Surjeet Kaur Bedi. She died in 2008 after a battle against breast cancer and was a regular visitor to the charity in Ednam Road.

### Homes evacuated due to fire at flats

FIVE people had to be evacuated from their homes after arsonists set fire to equipment in a ground floor office storage room at a block of flats.

Fire crews from Brierley Hill and Stourbridge were called to Booth Court, in Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill, just after 8pm on Friday where a printer had been set alight in the storage area. They extinguished the blaze quickly.

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## NEWS

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AUNTIE Beeb informed us in her most deferential tones that Prince William, in his new job of dispensing honours, will be required "to stand for an hour at a time." Phew.

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SCIENTISTS studying bonobo apes in Africa have discovered they are capable of empathy, reaching out to comfort and embrace bonobos in distress. Bonobos – similar to humans, but Godlier.

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THE scariest part of the politicians' plan to regulate the Press is the draconian penalty for those newspapers which decide not to sign up to the regulating body. Any refusenik publication which was later sued for libel would have to pay all the costs, possibly running into millions – even if it won the case. So the courts, in effect, would be employed to drive opt-out newspapers into bankruptcy. This is such a monstrous abuse of the judicial system, such a gross denial of natural justice, such an affront to our freedoms of conscience and expression that it could simply never happen in this sceptre'd isle. Agreed? Think again. The latest edition of Private Eye reports that the law is already drafted and ready to go.

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A REPORT this week says universities should be brought into the heart of the British economy and given public money to turn great ideas into real business. The report, by GlaxoSmithKline boss Sir Andrew Witty, says £1,000 million should be pumped into what he calls "Arrow Projects." It looks good on paper but, in real life, how business-friendly are our universities? The spat over Ed Miliband's father, Ralph, is a reminder of the half-baked, anti-business Marxist theories which once infested British campuses. We are encouraged to believe all that nonsense was swept away by Thatcherism. But was it? After the riots of 2011 a lecturer at the University of Wolverhampton wrote a blog, which is still online, describing the trashing of the city as "a tiny bit of damage." He suggests the looters were no worse than businessmen. As he puts it: "They decided to acquire stuff in the way the businessmen and barons do: by theft. More direct theft than their social superiors, but not so different." I bet the Chamber of Trade love that.

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THE more food banks that are set up, the more people become "dependent" on them. One charity reports this week that the number using its food banks has tripled in a single year, which reveals "the scandal of food poverty." Does it? Or does it simply prove that if you give anything away for nothing, people will queue up for it?

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IF THE pubs started offering free beer, I bet we'd see an awful lot of beer poverty.

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I REFERRED recently to the many ways of pronouncing "ough". Even so, in Nottingham of all places you'd think they'd get Brian Clough's name right. A friend reports driving through the city when the voice in her sat-nav suddenly began giving directions to "Brian Cloe Way."

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Decision to axe centre defended by health bosses

A PROPOSAL to close a walk-in medical centre in Dudley has been defended by health bosses who say the move will improve patient care.

The plan to shut the Holly Hall Clinic in Dudley is at the centre of a 12-week consultation being run by Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group.

The group has contracted the centre to remain open until September next year but under the proposal

it would close. Instead, patients would be encouraged to use their GP or emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital where a new urgent care clinic would be set up.

The clinic in Stourbridge Road was used by 50,000 in the last financial year but the commissioning group's chief accountable officer, Paul Maubach, said the majority of users would rather go to their GP. Speaking at a consultation event

at Ladies Walk Health Centre in Sedgley, Mr Maubach said: "The overwhelming response we got was in most circumstances people would rather see their GP because there is someone who knows them and has their medical history."

"All the evidence shows you are much better seeing a GP but some people are finding it difficult to access their GP, a lot of people don't even try."

No one turned up at the consultation event last week.

Chief officer Jayne Emery said: "50,000 people use the Holly Hall Walk in Centre every year so it is essential that any change to this service is of benefit to our communities."

The next consultation event will be at Halesowen Library, in Queensway Mall, on November 15 from midday to 2pm.

## £92k payout can't heal the heartache

LOVING parents Harold and Denise Nock have been tortured for four years by memories of their only daughter's last days alive.

Wendy Nock, who had spina bifida and was wheelchair-bound, died 'alone' less than three hours after her parents say they listened to the professionals and went home from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Her parents said staff had, the previous day, finally answered their pleas and agreed that a CT scan could be carried out to find out why 35-year-old Wendy was in such pain, as her stomach swelled up.

But the scan, which would have shown she needed surgery to remove an obstruction in her intestines, had not yet been done.

## Disturbed

A doctor told them that she was not worried about Wendy and that they should go home as it was gone 8.30pm and other patients would be disturbed. But their daughter said: "Dad, I am going, I know it. Don't leave me."

Mr Nock, aged 65, a retired bricklayer, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley, said: "I nearly broke down again but held it in so's not to upset her further."

"I reassured her that the staff would keep an eye on her through the night and that we would see her tomorrow. I wished – oh how I wished – we had stayed with her."

"Wendy died before 11pm that night, alone, without her parents there, and in pain."

"Right from the moment we brought her into hospital, the hospital let us down," he claimed.

Ever since that dreadful night, on September 30, 2009, eight days after Wendy was admitted to hospital with stomach pains, Mr Nock has been campaigning for justice for his daughter – a bubbly, caring and sociable young woman who enjoyed

by Louise Jew

pop music, shopping and making her own greetings cards.

He has written scores of letters to the hospital, medical organisations and politicians.

Now he and Mrs Nock have finally been awarded £92,000 compensation in an out-of-court settlement for the blunder in not arranging for a CT scan fast enough.

But they say they are still waiting for an apology.

Hospital chief executive Paula Clark said in a statement: "I would like to take this opportunity once again to express my sincere condolences to the family of Miss Wendy Nock."

"I have expressed my regret to Mr Nock in writing and apologised publicly for any distress caused."

"I am pleased that a financial settlement has been made."

She declined to comment further.

But Wendy's parents say they have not received any such apology, despite the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust having admitted that Wendy died as a result of a delay in undertaking a CT scan and surgery.

A letter to Mr Nock's solicitors from the NHS Litigation Authority said the hospital trust admitted it "breached its duty to the patient for failing to perform a CT scan on September 26, 2009."

The admission also said that had the scan been performed it would have shown



Harold and Denise Nock, of Dudley, with a picture of daughter Wendy who died without her parents being at her side and they say they are still waiting for an apology for her death at Russells Hall Hospital

a small bowel obstruction and that surgery to relieve it would have been arranged.

But Mr Nock said: "Our campaign wasn't about the money – I want a full apology and have not received one."

"I feel so savage towards the hospital – there's been denial after denial and no apology."

Mrs Nock, 62, said: "Wendy was our only daughter. But I have had no apology, although the hospital has hurt me deeply."

Mr and Mrs Nock want the money to provide a lasting memory to their only daughter and have now set up a trust fund with the compensation, which will

make charitable donations to young people with health problems.

They may use some of the money towards financing the purchase of a smaller house after selling their present home – and say their new property would also be left in trust to help good causes after their deaths.

## Two sites could get a total of 45 homes

A TOTAL of 45 homes are set to be built in Tividale and Rowley Regis if planning bosses give them the green light this week.

The two applications were going before Sandwell planners yesterday (Wednesday).

The first development could see 25 new two, three and four-bedroom homes going up at the site of the former Regent School on Red Lion Close in Tividale.

Nineteen of the homes would be for private sale, while six would be socially rented accommodation.

There have been four objections from people complaining about potential extra noise and traffic and loss of open space and privacy. But planning officers have recommended approval, saying it would be beneficial on social and economic grounds.

The second development would see 20 two, three and four-bedroom houses being built on the land adjacent to Springfield Primary School on Doulton Road. Three objections have been made with regards to traffic, loss of wildlife and privacy, and a decrease in property value.

Sandwell Council planning officers are also recommending approval.

## Stroll in the countryside

PEOPLE can kick up the autumn leaves at a free guided walk in Himley.

The six-mile stroll, part of Dudley Council's green spaces for health scheme, will be held on Tuesday, October 29, along the Staffordshire Worcestershire Canal.

Walkers meet at Himley station on Himley Lane, at 10am. The walk is mainly flat and on footpaths.

Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Dudley Council wants everyone to be fit and active."

For more information visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/green-spacesforhealth](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/green-spacesforhealth)

## History talk

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship members will be hearing about medieval food at their meeting on November 12. Dr Chris Upton will speak to the group on the subject at St Saviour's Church Hall at 8pm.

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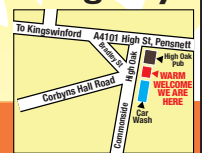
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## Royal Mail staff plan day-long walk out

THOUSANDS of postal workers will walk out of sorting centres and delivery offices in the Black Country on Monday, November 4.

Unless a resolution can be found soon, there will be no deliveries on that day, after Communication Workers Union members voted four-to-one to strike in a ballot.

The action comes as staff seek guarantees over the future of jobs at the Royal Mail after its privatisation. It was voted for by 78 per cent of around 115,000 CWU members within the Royal Mail and Parcelforce.

Lee Barron, Midlands regional secretary for the CWU, conducted a recent meeting at the Wolverhampton mail centre in the run-up to the ballot. He said: "Postal workers here have got huge concerns around the future of their industry following the privatisation."

"The feedback we got from meetings such as those with Wolverhampton delivery staff, was that they wanted their futures protected now that their industry is privatised."

"We want a long-term agreement that's groundbreaking in its content, that would mean Royal Mail continues to be primarily a full-time employer, that rounds won't be franchised out, with job security, and protecting services for the public."

The CWU is now hoping to get around the table with Royal Mail bosses to try to thrash out an agreement and avoid the strike.

Royal Mail said it was 'very disappointed' by the strike announcement.

## Five youths in ban from KFC

FIVE youths have been banned from in and around a restaurant by police after it became a magnet for young people causing a nuisance.

Police say the car park at KFC in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, was being used like a skate park at night and groups of youths had been intimidating customers.

Five have been given banning orders and police have told their parents or guardians. Patrols will continue to monitor the situation. Sergeant Cheryl Reed said: "The KFC seems to act as a meeting place for the youths to congregate due to it being well lit as well as the car park, which is being used as a skate park."

# Furious driver nearly struck traffic warden

A DRIVER hurled his two-year-old child into the passenger seat of his car before speeding away and almost hitting a traffic warden after being given a parking ticket in Dudley High Street, a court heard.

Michael Dilworth was stopped by police but sped off again as an officer reached into the vehicle to take keys from the ignition.

Dudley Magistrates Court was told it was 'a miracle' no-one had been seriously hurt. Dilworth, 27, of Titford Road, Oldbury, had returned to his Vauxhall Astra on June 4 to find two traffic wardens making out a ticket and taking a picture of his vehicle.

He told them 'I'm back now' but they told him the ticket had been issued. Dilworth then threw his child into the passenger seat of the car before starting the engine. One of the traffic wardens placed the ticket behind a windscreen wiper but had to jump out of the way as the car sped off.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said the car had been stopped by a police officer who had seen the incident. "The officer went to get the keys out of the ignition but the defendant then made off. He drove away at speed," she said.

Dilworth, a father-of-two, originally

pleaded not guilty to the charge of dangerous driving but changed his plea on the day the trial was due to start. He admitted driving without a licence and no insurance.

### Autism

Dilworth was given a 14-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months and ordered to carry out 240 hours of unpaid work. He was also fined £250 for having no insurance, ordered to pay £250 costs and an £80 victim surcharge. Child services will be called in to work with the family due to his actions to his child.

Mr Steven Masih, defending, told the court that his client's actions had been 'out of character' and happened in a 'moment of madness'.

"He had just learned his older child has autism and did not know how to cope with the situation," he said.

"He is usually hard-working and a good father. He is ashamed at what he has done."

District Judge Mr Graham Wilkinson said: "You behaved outrageously."

"You parked illegally because you could not be bothered to park it in a proper space. It is a miracle no-one was not hurt."

# Spending on patient meals at hospital above average

**SPENDING on patient meals at Dudley's Russell's Hall Hospital is higher than the national average, new figures reveal.**

And it has emerged that the amount spent in the Midlands can vary by as much as £7.

New figures from the Health and Social Care Information Centre have revealed that the average spent on hospital meals per patient per day is £9.87.

But The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which oversees Russell's Hall Hospital, spends £10.38.

It is higher than The Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital and spends £8.20.

That's £7.02 less than scandal-hit Mid-Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust, which spends £15.22.

### Less

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust both spend less than the national average on meals for patients per day, £9.50 and £8.65 respectively.

A Department of Health spokeswoman said the average cost of feeding one patient per day has increased by £1.10 from £8.77 to £9.87.

She said: "It is crucial patients receive tasty, nutritious food as part of their care."

"Although the NHS is spending more on patient meals, there is still too much variation."

She added: "Our patient-led inspections are already helping to drive up standards and reduce variation in hospital food."

Hospital bosses in Dudley are currently working on plans to revamp the meal service.

by Heather Large

Fresh food pre-packed into individual meals has been piloted to widen the choice of meals offered to patients.

The patients select their meals from a menu on the same day and they are individually plated before being brought to the correct temperature in a kitchen on the ward.

Patients have been asked for their feedback and bosses have held taste tests for governors, patient panel members and staff to sample the food.

It is the first hospital trust in the West Midlands to trial the Steamplasty service, which is the method of steam heating fresh and raw food to retain taste and goodness.

It is one of a series of improvements introduced at the hospital.

Bosses have also introduced bespoke welcome leaflets to each ward containing important information such as visiting times, mealtime routines, a uniform who's who and ward contact numbers both for relatives and in the case of health concerns once patients go home.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "The Dudley Group makes every effort to ensure patients are provided with a choice of good quality food that is nutritionally balanced, meets specific cultural and dietary requirements and is appealing to eat."

## Art club members put work on display



Wall Heath artists Malcolm Bradley, front, with Doug Hale, Chris Hyde, art tutor Malcolm Wesson and Angela Skidmore

MORE than 100 paintings created by members of an art group in Dudley will go on display in their annual two-day exhibition this weekend.

Subjects including landscapes, animals and flowers will be represented at the event staged by Wall Heath Art Club.

The display on show at the Scout hut behind the community centre building in Enville Road, Wall Heath, will comprise mostly watercolours.

Many of the paintings will be on sale

at the exhibition, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday.

Tutor and seasoned watercolour artist Malcolm Wesson, who runs workshops for the group, said: "There will be around 120 pictures on display and for sale."

"It's the third annual exhibition and everyone is looking forward to it."

The group, previously called Wall Heath Watercolour Painters, has been running for 10 years and has a total of 34 members.

During the event, there will be a contest for the 'best in show' art work and an original watercolour by Mr Wesson will be raffled to raise funds.

The exhibition will be open from 10.30am until 4pm on each day. There will be refreshments available including tea, coffee and cakes.

The group held its inaugural display in 2011, which proved a hit with residents.

## NEWS in brief

### Glass red nose to honour Lenny

A GLASS blower at a tourist attraction in Wordsley has given a unique gift to Lenny Henry after he was awarded Freedom of the Dudley Borough.

Charlotte Hughes-Martin, who works at the Red House Glass Cone, made a bowling-ball sized red glass nose for the comedian. It includes an engraving commemorating Lenny receiving the honour.

Councillor Tracy Wood, Dudley's environment and culture boss, said: "We thought that his charity work in particular should receive special recognition. This glass nose, made in traditional lead crystal and using both glassblowing and glass engraving techniques' is a tribute both to Lenny and to our industrial heritage."

### Accountants in Waterfront move

BLACK Country accountancy firm Griffiths & Pegg has moved from Reddall Hill Road in Cradley Heath, where it was founded 65 years ago, to the Waterfront at Merry Hill.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly was on hand to welcome partners Adrian Grainger and Rachel Clarke and their staff.

Mr Kelly said: "It is great to see more and more professional services firms and leading businesses coming to the Waterfront."

### Top author to meet fans at the library

AUTHOR Miranda Dickinson will be in Blackheath later this month to talk about her latest book, *Take A Look At Me No*.

An Evening with Miranda Dickinson will be held at Blackheath Library on October 30 at 7pm. Her bestsellers include *Fairytale In New York*, *When I Fall In Love* and *It Started With A Kiss*. Ticket are £3 and £1.50 concessions. Book by calling 0121 559 1884.

### Brass back by popular demand

STOURPORT Brass Band will be holding a concert at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday at 7.30pm. They are back by popular demand to perform old favourites and contemporary classics.

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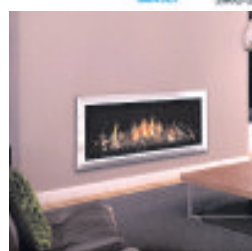
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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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THE cheapest unit of energy is the one you don't use. So says nPower chief executive Paul Massara, who says we should respond to his company's extortionate price rises by using less energy.

It's an interesting strategy. Could you imagine the chief executive of Tesco telling us to stop moaning about the 10 per cent increase in the price of potatoes, and instead just don't buy so many?

It would be lovely if the people of Britain took him at his word, and imposed their own three-day week just to hit him in the balance sheet. But it wouldn't work. He would then use the drop in revenues as an excuse to impose another round of price hikes.

THE story about young William Ghassemi, the Staffordshire schoolboy, who dressed up as Hitler after being told to come as a character from the Second World War, tells us a great deal about a small but vocal section of the modern education system.

How can you tell kids to dress up as characters from the Second World War, and then be surprised when one turns up as the bloke who started it? But amid all the sound and fury coming from both sides of the debate, somebody seems to have overlooked the most fundamental question of all: what is it with schools today and dressing up?

It seems no primary school history lesson these days is complete without a raid on the dressing-up box. Lessons about the English Civil War? Knee-high boots, and plumes of feathers, naturally. The Tudors? Big belts and floppy hats, of course.

Apparently, they call it 'empathy', so I suppose it is probably just as well that they draw the line at empathising with one of the biggest mass murderers of the modern times.

But how does dressing up teach anyone anything about history? Imagine the scene, 30 years from now, when today's youngsters try to explain the Second World War to their own children.

"Daddy, who were the Nazis?"  
"Son, they were the bad guys. They wore Hugo Boss."

SO Birmingham City Council is planning to introduce a 20mph speed limit to 90 per cent of the city. Good to see that this forward-thinking local authority wants to make the city an attractive place to do business, by making it easy for visitors to get around quickly.

No doubt, as we speak, there are elected members and officials in Birmingham's council offices, salivating at all the exciting new things they can do with red asphalt, chicanes and yellow paint.

They probably needn't bother, though. As anybody who has driven through Birmingham at busy times will no doubt testify: 20mph? Fat chance.



Colin Davies at the house in Lower Gornal



Colin's mother Edith Davies



Colin in the garden of the house in Stickley Lane

# Colin fights to stay in the only home he's ever known

**Former maintenance worker Colin Davies is battling to stay in the home where he was born more than 50 years ago, Lee Watton reports**

**COLIN Davies has been told by Dudley Council he can no longer stay at his life-long home in Stickley Lane, Gornal, following the death of his mother, Edith, earlier this year.**

Bosses from the authority say Mr Davies' mother held the tenancy on the property and because of her death this had now ended.

And officials said it would 'not be appropriate' to allow a single occupier to live in a three-bedroom family house.

The 56-year-old, who was born in the living room of the house, is now campaigning to stay backed by his family, neighbours and representatives from UKIP.

## Affected

Mr Davies, who once worked for the council's parks and gardens department, said the worry of losing his home had affected his health.

"I was actually born in the house and have lived there all my life."

"Leaving it would mean leaving behind the community I have grown up in and all of the memories."

"At the moment I can't eat or sleep due to the worry of it. My family are doing all they can but when you are on your own it keeps coming back."

Mr Davies, who is suffering from depression, has to leave the house by November 4.

He was full-time carer for his mother for 15 years.

She died of a heart attack earlier this



Colin Davies in the living room of his family home in Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal, where he was born and which he is trying to keep

year at the age of 82. More than 20 family members and supporters gathered on the steps of Dudley Council House recently for a protest urging the authority to change its decision.

Among the protesters were Mr Davies' brothers Brian and Terry, his sister Elaine Morris and niece Marie White and nephew Mark Davies.

Hundreds of signatures were gathered from people eager to lend their support by signing a petition to keep Mr Davies in his home.

The document was due to be

Chairman of the Dudley group Bill Etheridge said: "The number of people who have signed the petition shows the strength of feeling over this."

"We are aiming to have around 1,000 signatures by the time we hand the petition in."

Cabinet member for housing on Dudley Council, Councillor Steve Waltho said: Mr Davies has not been served an eviction notice but received notification his deceased mother's tenancy has ended.

"The council must always ensure it serves the interests of the whole community and it would not be appropriate use of a council home to allow a single occupier to live in a three bedroom family house."

## Suitable

He said the council would work to find appropriate and suitable accommodation to meet his needs.

Mr Davies said his biggest concern was that he would be left with no choice but to move outside the village which has been his home for his entire life.

"There has been talk about being offered something in Brierley Hill but it is an area where I do not know anyone," he said.

"This entire situation has been very emotional and it is having an impact on my health."

Mr Davies said he had been told by the authority he said the house had to be occupied by more than one person.

"However, the house is deceptive as it is not really as big as it may appear from the outside."

"I am hoping the council will change its mind about this and let me stay," he added.

"I have always tried to be a good neighbour to people and a model resident."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

HOLIDAY giant Butlin's was to close two of its most famous sites, it was announced. The huge flagship holiday park at Filey, Yorkshire, which had room for 11,000 visitors, and its site at Clacton, Essex would close with immediate effect, said chairman Bobby Butlin. The move followed years of falling bookings.

A WAGES snatch was thwarted by a quick-thinking team of dustmen and a motorcyclist, a court heard. The binned hurled missiles at the robbers while the biker pursued the getaway car at high speed to record its registration number, following the robbery at Econa Castings in Fox's Lane, Wolverhampton.

WOLVES were adamant that they would go ahead with their controversial Sunday afternoon clash with Aston Villa, despite threats of prosecution over a breach of Sunday trading laws.

### 1993...

BUS drivers were threatening an all-out strike in a row over compensation about having to move to a garage just over a mile away. Union leaders said the row at Wolverhampton bus garage could cripple services in the area. The threat came after West Midlands Travel refused to pay compensation to workers moved from the Cleveland Road depot to Park Lane, Fallings Park.

COLOURFUL former judge James Pickles blamed exhaustion for his bizarre appearance on breakfast television, where he became involved in a heated discussion with presenters Mike Morris and Anne Davies, and was eventually sent home in a taxi. During his appearance on GMTV, Judge Pickles said he had tried to kiss Miss Davies, said the station could not afford competent staff.

### 2003...

ILLUSIONIST David Blaine emerged from his glass box suspended on the banks of the River Thames after 44 days apparently living on water. He was put on a stretcher before being taken to a waiting ambulance, where he was taken to a private hospital for treatment. Speculation was rife about how he had managed a seemingly impossible stunt. Doctors said if he ate solid food so soon after emerging from the box, it could be potentially fatal.

A TEENAGE tearaway who led a gang that terrorised residents on a Cannock estate complained he couldn't make ends meet, despite being put up rent free at Rugeley's Travelodge since being freed from custody.

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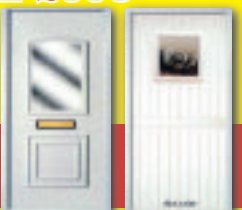


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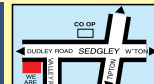
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# Thanks to army of cadets

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to the Army Cadets, Dudley Detachment.

Approximately 20 of the cadets turned out on a wet, dismal Saturday, on October 12, to take part in a litter pick challenge versus Friends of Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve.

The teams set off in different directions and returned some two hours later, having collected in excess of 40 bags

of litter, large and small. It has to be said that there's much less litter to be found on the reserve these days, thanks to the ongoing hard work of the on site wardens.

They are assisted by the Friends of Wren's Nest monthly litter pick, and it's no wonder that the Reserve was recently awarded the Keep Britain Tidy Green Flag award.

Thanks again to the

cadets. We are now hoping to make this clean up an annual event.

In the meantime, we'd encourage anyone who's never visited – or hasn't been for many years – to come to this site of world geological importance that's right on our doorstep.

**E BOUCKLEY**  
Friends of Wren's Nest  
National Nature  
Reserve

## Madness is taking the UK

IS this country going mad? After extensive research, it was found that badgers spread bovine flu to cattle, and whether you like it or not, it was decided that a cull of badgers would be the best solution.

Now it has been announced that 500 badgers would be injected. To cure them of flu?

Excuse me, but if an injection has been developed to inject wild animals, why hasn't one been produced to inject cattle?

Cattle provide food and milk for human beings. So, the answer to my first question, must be...yes.

**PETER COLE**  
Chelford Crescent  
Kingswinford

## Annoyed at rise in perks

I WAS really annoyed to read in the press that Dudley councillors were to receive an increase to their expenses.

It amazes me that this comes at a time when the council keeps reminding everybody about financial cut backs and has no money available for essential services, including the retention of New Bradley Hall (NBH) residential care home for the elderly Kingswinford.

I am a member of a group of dedicated people who over the last two years have been trying to save NBH when Dudley Council were trying to close this wonderful Dudley Council care home.

Dudley Council now have stated that NBH is to be either sold or given away to a 'not for profit' organisation because the council cannot finance the future running of the home.

Can Dudley Council please put the lives of the most vulnerable elderly people in Dudley before a pay increase for themselves.

**P SCOTT**  
Action Group NBH  
Dudley

## LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Update on Albania

ALBANIA has received an update as to how its EU entry application is progressing.

Albanians are happy people (in general) but suffer from a great many beggars (who they say are 'Roma') these very sad people like to beg on the streets with sleeping children on their laps (many alleged to be drugged).

I have nothing against Albanians but wonder where the UK is going and how long it will take before the UK has no funds for its own population.

I have visited Tirana (with my own funds) and listened to right wing talking about 'Top Down' wealth dripping through to the poor. I wonder how over rich people in these poor countries, who pay little or no tax, actually think they help their beggars by buying Merces and BMWs, which are made elsewhere.

No doubt those super rich people will get the Country into the EU, so their beggars can drip down into another country where social security exists and the rich do pay tax. The rich, who fail to pay tax, never actually say how many hundred years the process of dripping down takes and no doubt Robin Hood would have his view.

Last week I looked into a Tirana shop window where a gold fountain pen was priced at 5,500 Euros, this within 10 yards of a woman with a 'drugged-up' child draped over her lap. Makes you think.

**MIKE NATRASS MEP**

## Government is hard work

HOW on earth can this government use the slogan 'for hard working people'?

This was their overriding theme at their conference; nothing is further from the truth.

They seem to find money so easily to send to other countries and to provide expensive weapons to places that do not concern us.

Yet, when our own 'hard-working people', for example NHS staff, fire-fighters and others ask for help they do exactly the opposite to their slogan, they turn their backs on them.

May I suggest that if our politicians worked as hard as our public sector workers this country would be in a better state than it is in now.

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## Chronicle Christmas Card Challenge

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**As part of the prize, the Chronicle will donate £50 towards the School Funds**

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**Chronicle Christmas Card Challenge**  
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**Thank you for voting!**

Closing date for nominations is Friday 8th November 2013. Nominations from under 16s will require a parents'/guardians' signature. Photocopies of this nomination form will not be accepted. Only one nomination per household. Competition entrants may not vote for their own entry. The winner will be the child with the most entries. In the event of a tie an independent Chronicle representative will decide.

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**Turn to pages 26 and 27 to view entries**

## CLUB NEWS

### Town Crier pays visit to meeting

#### K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN Sheila Evans welcomed members, visitors and speaker Peter Taunton. She reminded members the Christmas party will be on December 12 and tickets will be on sale to members at the November meeting.

Sheila read next year's programme which is varied and interesting including a choir and ukulele players. The secretary and treasurer read their reports which were approved and signed.

The committee was thanked for preparing the Harvest Supper in September. Money collected from the sale will go to the speakers who donate their fees to charity.

Speaker Mr Taunton gave a very enlightening and infectious talk about his role as Town Crier for Stafford and Newport in Shropshire.

Today it is a promotional role. He has won many awards including sexiest town crier at a competition in Australia and was mistaken for Sean Connery in Llandudno.

His wife often accompanies him on his many trips. One prize they won was the most beautifully dressed couple. Ann Cooper gave the vote of thanks. Brenda Moore and Shirley Marshall won the raffle.

The next meeting will be on November 7 at 7.45pm at The Royal British Legion, Kingswinford. New members are welcome.

## Money handed over to the air ambulance



Geoff Woodford receives the cheque from flower club chairman Lynn Ridout

EACH year Halesowen Flower Club raises money for charity and raised £1,575 for the Air Ambulance.

A cheque for this amount was gratefully received by Mr Geoff Woodford, representing the Air Ambulance, from flower club chairman Mrs Lynne Ridout at the club's AGM.

As it costs £2,500 every time the ambulance is called out, Mr Woodford said it would be put to good use as the ambulance gives invaluable help in times of emergency.

#### HALESOWEN FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting of the club is on Thursday, November 14 at 7.30pm in the Shenstone Theatre library buildings.

Demonstrator for the evening is Margaret Rumens and promises a taste of Christmas, as the title of her demonstration is "I'm Dreaming..."

Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £4.50.

## Back to beginning of time

WORDSLEY History Society will be hosting a talk entitled 'Beginning of Time' by Andrew Lound.

The Hubble Space Telescope is giving humankind a view of the universe never even imagined and the club is looking ever further back

#### WORDSLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

in time. The talk, which will be illustrated by some of the most beautiful natural images one will ever see, takes place in the Community Centre, Wordsley Green

at 7.30pm on Thursday, November 14.

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## NEWS

# Shopping centre raided in night by sneak thief

## Firms help church



Lay minister Karen Chaplin with volunteers John Chatwin and Jess Law-Webber at St Peter's Church in Cradley

VOLUNTEERS have spruced up the surroundings of a landmark church and created a memorial garden for worshippers.

A team of 30 people descended on St Peter's Church, in Cradley, armed with gardening gloves, wheelbarrows and spades. It was co-ordinated by Business in the Community which gets workers from firms involved in good causes.

The group, including workers from Tata Steel and food company Mondelez International, spent the day creating pathways and began to plant a memorial garden.

It will be part of a wider scheme to brighten up the church grounds off Colley Lane with plants. An appeal has been launched for donations.

The church grounds had become overgrown and vicar the Reverend Katryn Leclézio said she was delighted with the clean up.

"This is an opportunity for the people of the area to invest in a green space which is for the community," she said.

"It would be lovely if people could bring things from their own gardens."

**A MAN** who sneaked into a shopping centre when it was closed before stealing a haul of jewellery and cash has avoided an immediate jail term.

Mark Edge broke into Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre twice in eight days to steal goods to feed a drug habit.

He crawled under sheeting covering the Bag Magic stall to take £100 in notes and coins from the till float at around 10.20pm on August 8. Eight days later, the 29-year-old broke through the same door and lurked under another of the stalls until 3am.

Security officers watched on CCTV as he emerged from the Watch Surgery on August 16. Dudley Magistrates Court heard he had taken 289 watches, 50 rings and two charms and £28.44 in cash. Security staff managed to catch him.

But just days later Edge turned shoplifter when he made off with £150 worth of curtains from BHS at Merry Hill on October 4.

Edge, of Dunns Bank, Quarry Bank, admitted two counts of burglary and one charge of theft at an earlier hearing.

He was given 12 weeks' imprisonment suspended for 12 months to be served concurrently for the burglaries.

He was also given a four-week jail term suspended for 12 months to be served consecutively. His defence said he was changing his life.

## Keep fit in the park

AN OUTDOOR gym has opened at Buffery Park in Dudley following a fundraising drive by the park's Friends group.

The equipment is free to use and for all ages and abilities. It has been funded by a £20,000 grant to the Friends of Buffery Park from Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust.

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Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

*'I grew up here and spent my Saturdays wandering from Graduate Records to Beatties or meeting friends at the cafe upstairs at Littlewoods'*

Like everyone else from Dudley I remember the town's past. I grew up here and spent my Saturdays wandering from Graduate Records to Beatties or meeting friends at the cafe upstairs at Littlewoods.

I had my first job in McDonalds on the High Street, and my parents bought my first bike from Criterion Cycles on Kings Street.

Since then the town's had some real knocks but I've backed lots of local campaigns to improve the town centre, including the building of the brilliant new Dudley College campus.

As high streets struggle, many small businesses are struggling to pay business rates that sometimes are higher than their rents.

That just doesn't make sense, so Labour have pledged to cut business rates to 1.5 million small businesses.

That should help fill

empty shop units in our town centre with small businesses instead of endless payday loan shops.

If you've got any ideas on how to improve the town centre, please get in touch.

I love this area and I want to see things improve, so I'm always happy to listen to local people's ideas on this and I will keep on fighting for our town centre.

Contact me at [www.ianaustin.co.uk](http://www.ianaustin.co.uk) or by calling my office on 01384 342 504.

On Thursday I handed a petition to local justice officials against the closure of Dudley's criminal court (see page 3).

Thanks to everyone who helped with the campaign the petition got a great response, and there were 1,200 names on it when it was handed in.

That's a clear message to the Government that local people are completely opposed to these plans.

But the campaign hasn't stopped there. The next day I handed in my response to the consultation on the plans, together with comments from people directly involved with the courts.

Their comments show just how damaging the court's closure would be, with fewer victims of crime testifying against criminals in court and a huge loss in local

expertise with many local Magistrates set to resign.

I'm going to continue fighting on this issue over the coming weeks, and I've called for an urgent meeting with the Justice Secretary Chris Grayling to make sure local people's concerns are heard at the very top.

Payday loans are another issue that I've worked hard to campaign on, and I was pleased to hear last week that Ed Miliband wants to take tough action on the issue.

I think the growth of payday loan shops on Dudley High Street is an absolute disgrace and I want them driven out of town.

I hear from families who are struggling to make ends meet all the time, and these predatory businesses are making their money by piling debt upon debt and making poor people even poorer.

That's why I'm backing Ed's call for a levy on the profits of payday lenders.

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Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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# Ambulance service will take over running of controversial 111 calls

**THE ambulance service will take over the running of controversial patient phone service NHS 111 in the West Midlands.**

West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) has stepped in to run the operation, which caters for non-emergency calls and was launched earlier this year. NHS Direct was running 111, but announced its intention to quit in July, saying the contracts were too expensive.

The ambulance service entered into talks to take over the running and has announced it has signed a deal to step in.

## Training

It will now deliver the 111 service in Birmingham, Solihull, the Black Country, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire.

The ambulance service has introduced a training programme for phone staff.

Andy Williams, lead commissioner for the NHS 111 project team, said he was confident the ambulance service would deliver an improved service for patients and the public.

He added: "We have been working towards this step-in arrangement since NHS Direct announced its withdrawal from the contract."

"WMAS has already implemented an upgraded training programme for call handling staff, which will improve the clinical govern-

nance process, and this will continue for the next few months. We are pleased that West Midlands Ambulance Service is stepping in to provide this service as we believe it's a natural fit and will strengthen the service as we come into the winter season."

The NHS Direct announcement to pull out of the contract came as an undercover investigation revealed 'serious failings' in the system, with staff shortages, long waits for callers and unnecessary ambulance call-outs.

It admitted it had encountered 'significant problems' when it launched the contracts in the north west of England and West Midlands in March.

The organisation said calls took 'twice as long as expected' and, as a result, NHS Direct did not have 'sufficient capacity' to handle all them.

Anthony Marsh, WMAS chief executive, said: "We are delighted to be able to provide the NHS 111 service going forward."

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We have already seen how well the NHS 111 and 999 service can integrate in other parts of the country."

The NHS Direct 0845 46 47 number will be switched off at the end of November in the West Midlands.

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Mary Woolvin with Chris Sims and Yvonne Mosquito

# Good Samaritan Mary is handed accolade for helping crash family

A ROWLEY Regis woman who opened up her home to strangers after a car crash was honoured with a Good Citizens Award.

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MEMBERS of a cancer support group were tickled pink at an awareness event helping sufferers and their families with advice and information.

Volunteers toasted the success of the Breast Cancer Care Group which has been supporting its members in Dudley for around a quarter of a century.

They host meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at the home of Dudley Cancer Support at the White House, Ednam Road. For the October meeting, which coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the group members decided to wear pink outfits to mark the occasion.

Guests at the event included the Deputy Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Margaret Aston, Russells Hall Hospital breast cancer consultant Vijay Ganesh and breast care sister Joanne Cooke. Group organiser, Marion Griffiths, from Wollaston, Stourbridge, said the group was fantastic.

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## NEWS

## Tributes to co-founder of riding charity branch



Lady Barbara Kwiatkowska worked in the Special Operations Executive in North Africa and Italy during the Second World War

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former huntswoman who helped establish the Riding for the Disabled charity in the region.

Lady Barbara Kwiatkowska, from Pattingham, died aged 97 in Sunrise retirement home in Tettenhall following a short illness. Her funeral was held St Chad's Church, Pattingham, on October 18.

Lady Kwiatkowska, a former member of The Wheatland and Albrighton Hunts, spent her childhood at Godmersham in Kent. She had a lifelong love of animals and horses, which dated back to her childhood. In 1928 her family moved to London but she was often able to stay with friends and relations in the country and go hunting, which became her favourite pursuit.

In 1936, on the death of her grandfather the 6th Earl of Dartmouth, they moved to the family home at Patshull.

At the outbreak of the Second World War Lady Kwiatkowska and her sister Josceline joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry and spent the first years of the war in logistics work, mainly based in Shropshire.

The sisters were then seconded to the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and were sent to North Africa and then to Italy, where she met Adam Kwiatkowski, an officer in the Polish SOE. They were married in Bari in 1945. After the war they came to live at Patshull. She continued to hunt into her 70s and was a founding member of the Albrighton branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association.

Her son Marek Kwiatkowski said: "She was well loved by all who knew her and well known for all her charity work, as well as her great sense of humour." Lady Kwiatkowska is survived by four sons Jan, Marek, Christopher and Michael.

# Decorated D-Day hero Colonel 'Jock' Bannister dies, aged 93

A DECORATED war hero who led soldiers during the Normandy landings of World War Two has died suddenly.

Colonel John Wilson Bannister, who was later a solicitor in Stourbridge, died suddenly at his home in Farmcote, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, on October 11, aged 93.

Colonel Bannister, known as Jock, was born in Bromsgrove and educated at Wolverley School near Kidderminster.

Following in his father's footsteps, he started training to become a solicitor - joining Westwood and Morris and Co, Birmingham, as an articled clerk. But after only two years war broke out and Jock enlisted as a guardsman in the Grenadier Guards.

He was selected to go to the officer's cadet training unit at Sandhurst in 1941. And on February 22, 1941, he received an emergency commission into the Worcestershire regiment as a Second Lieutenant.

## Platoon

He was then posted to the 11th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment as a platoon commander. On January 1, 1943, the 11th Battalion was reformed into the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, where Jock took over command of the mortar platoon.

He landed with the first battalion in Normandy in June 1944 and continued to command the mortar platoon with the rank of captain. Jock was involved in all the battalion's operations throughout the war.

At the end of the war he was awarded a Commander in Chief Certificate, signed by Field Marshal Montgomery, for his outstanding bravery and devotion to duty.

In May 1945, the European war at an end, Jock transferred to the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles and served with them in Palestine as a company commander.

The following year he returned to the UK. Two years later, after qualifying as a solicitor, he joined his father's firm WW Bannis-



Colonel John Wilson Bannister, 'Jock', has died at the age of 93

ter and Son at Stourbridge. But he remained in the army reserve of officers in the Territorial Army. And in the 1950s, during the Suez Crisis, he was recalled for service, joining the 7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment as a company commander with the rank of major.

In 1961 Jock was made second in command and three years later was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and given command of the 7th Battalion. The same



Col Bannister was involved in action in the Normandy landings

and played cricket and rugby. He also had a keen interest in shooting and fishing.

Colonel Bannister is survived by his daughter Gill Williamson, son Richard, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He will be cremated in Stourbridge Crematorium tomorrow (Friday) at 2.10pm.

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## NEWS

## Boost for mayor's charities as new restaurant and bar opens



Mayor of Dudley Alan Finch officially opens the new restaurant and bar on the corner of New Street and Priory Street with the owner Jagdish Singh and bar manager Jodie McCaskill

THE owner of a new restaurant housed in an historic Grade II listed building in Dudley has served up a donation of hundreds of pounds to charities.

Jagdish Singh, owner of Charlton House Bar and Dining, invited the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch to officially open his new business in the town and handed over £500 to his charities, White House Cancer Support and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

### Enterprise

The opening follows the completion of a £300,000 restoration project on the

building, which is on the corner of New Street and Priory Street.

Councillor Finch said: "It is a pleasure to go along and support any new business enterprise across Dudley."

"It is wonderful to see buildings in our town centres being reoccupied and I wish the restaurant well in the future."

"I would also thank them for their kind donation to my charities."

Mr Singh said: "I was delighted to make a donation to the charities as it has been a pleasure to have the Mayor of Dudley here to officially open the doors to our new restaurant and sample the wide range of food we have

on our menu. The restoration of the building went well and I would now encourage local people to come along and see the restaurant for themselves."

The restoration project, costing around £300,000, started in March 2012 and included substantial internal and external repairs, elements of architectural reinstatement and internal refurbishment to bring the vacant floor space back into use.

The building dates back more than 150 years, to the first half of the 19th century. The building became vacant after it had been used as accountants' offices and was empty for several years.

## A British medal at last for heroes of the Arctic convoys

**NOW, at last, Mick Coyle's widow can hold the medal that he campaigned for, officially recognising bravery in the treacherous Arctic convoys of the Second World War.**

As she clutched the Arctic Star earned by her late husband, Phyllis Coyle, aged 85, of Pensnett, said: "It's lovely - I just resent that he wasn't alive to receive it."

### Brave

Former Royal Navy stoker Mick, who died from lung cancer, aged 85, three years ago, was one of the brave men who served on the convoys, battling biting cold, mountainous seas and the danger of attacks from submarines below and bombers above, to deliver supplies to the Red Army.

In the 70 years since he has received four medals from the Russians, who were very grateful to the British navy and merchant seamen.

He carried on battling for the Arctic convoy veterans to get a medal from their own country and took his campaign to Downing Street, when he met then Prime Minister Tony Blair in 2005.

Some time after that meeting, Mick said: "Mr Blair promised we would get some sort of recognition and he kept his promise - we didn't get a medal but we did get a badge."

The 'badge' was small but Phyllis said Mick never took it off his coat - although he still campaigned for a 'proper medal'.

Then, last December, Phyllis was overjoyed after Prime Minister David Cameron announced in Parliament that the men who helped take vital fuel, food and munitions to the Eastern Front would get an Arctic Convoys Star.

"He'd been trying to get it for years - he really fought for it," she said.

Mick was a stoker with the Royal Navy from 1942 to 1947 and sailed with four convoys on the perilous route to Russia.



Campaign - Mick Coyle



Mick's widow Phyllis

## Attacker is told to smile at police

A MAN who launched a foul-mouthed tirade at a policeman before attacking him has been given a suspended sentence by a judge who told him to 'smile' when he next saw an officer.

Sedgley man Ruben Campbell, 23, pushed a car door into an officer's midriff when the constable was getting out to speak to him. He also kicked out at officers during the incident at Kates Hill on January 4.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that Campbell looked through the window of a patrol car and shouted obscenities at officers inside, prompting Pc Clayton to get out.

Miss Sally Cairns, prosecuting, said:

"The defendant pushed the door back on Pc Clayton and he was hit in the torso area. The defendant is described as being aggressive. Whilst on the floor he was kicking out and shouting racial obscenities."

Campbell pleaded guilty to assault on the day of his trial at magistrates' court, but turned up late so was charged with failing to surrender.

Campbell was in breach of a suspended eight-month sentence for dangerous driving but the judge decided not to activate it.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, claimed that officers were often on the lookout for Campbell after he was

acquitted of the attempted murder of two bouncers at a Dudley nightclub in 2010. Mr Garcha said: "He was tried with two counts of attempted murder. He was acquitted. Since then he has been marked by police."

Judge Robin Onions told Campbell, of Westgate Close, that he must carry out 150 hours of unpaid work and also pay £150 in costs, on top of his new 16 week sentence suspended for two years. He said: "Mr Campbell will have to learn patience because the police will stop him and talk to him. The way to deal with this is to be cooperative. When you see a policeman next time, try smiling."



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## NEWS

# Wolves fans can 'smoke' e-cigarettes at stadium

## Collaring charity cash



Nicola Owen with guide dog Lara and Express & Star staff Claire Smith and Gemma Warner, with Sarah Knox from the Guide Dogs charity

THE Guide Dogs charity is looking to cash in after a packed programme of events raised its profile and boosted its coffers.

Fundraisers raked in £3,100 through a fire walk while other events throughout National Guide Dogs Week also generated large sums.

Staff at the Express & Star held a neon dress down inspired by the fluorescent harnesses used by the dogs, which help the blind and partially sighted. Nicola Owen has

relied on guide dogs for seven years and has had retriever Lara for two-and-a-half years.

The Wombourne-based 39-year-old has been fundraising for Guide Dogs since she was five. She said: "Having a guide dog has changed my life drastically. I used to be terrified about going out but now I am able to do what I want."

Volunteers are needed to foster puppies that will become one day become guide dogs. Visit [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

WOLVES fans will be allowed to 'smoke' electronic cigarettes during matches at the club's stadium, as part of a new sponsorship deal.

E-cigarette company SKYCIG has signed a two-year deal to become an official partner of the team.

Supporters, who have been banned from smoking in the stadium for six years, will have permission for the company's products, which allow users to inhale nicotine vapour without smoke, to be sold and used in certain areas of Molineux Stadium. Like alcohol, the use of e-cigarettes will be restricted to concourse areas.

The smoking ban came into effect in July 2007. Before that, Wolves fans had been named in a smoking 'league of shame', with fans smoking an average of 16 cigarettes per matchday.

### Delighted

SKYCIG president Tom Rolfe said: "By allowing the use of SKYCIG products in the stadium, Wolves are giving fans who smoke an alternative option to enjoy during matches and at half time, which doesn't inconvenience non-smokers with the smell or second-hand smoke associated with traditional cigarettes."

Staff were due to be at the ground offering the products from Saturday's game against Coventry City.

Paul Lakin, head of commercial affairs at Wolves, said: "We're delighted to have signed this two-year deal with SKYCIG, one of the fastest growing and most popular brands within the e-cigarette industry."

The deal follows an announcement that cigarette packets will be 65 per cent covered by health warnings and menthol cigarettes will be banned.

Legislators also put new limits on advertising for electronic cigarettes following an EU vote and have so far rejected proposals for them to be regarded as medicinal products.

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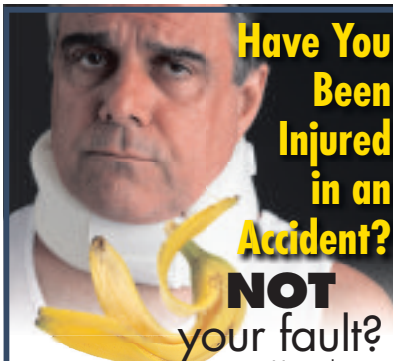
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## GIG REVIEWS

# Intrusive thump takes some beating

**Seth Lakeman with guest Lisbee Stainton, Robin2, Bilston**

WITHOUT taking anything away from brothers Sean or Sam, but of all the Lakeman clan Seth was undoubtedly at the front of the queue when it came to handing out musical talent.

Here, however, Lakeman became more of a pseudo-rocker than a folk star. He opened on his bouzouki with a track from his Tales From the Barrelhouse album, Blacksmith's Prayer.

However, right from the off there was the ridiculously intrusive and annoyingly loud "traditional folk instrument" the drum kit. It was the most unnecessary piece of equipment

and marred many of the songs with its thumping noise. Take No Rogues was also overpowered by this intrusive thump.

For The Sender Lakeman was joined by Lisbee Stainton, who is due to start a tour on the back of her latest album, Mind Games - out on November 4. Her lyrical voice picked up the harmonies of Lakeman's singing although overall her efforts seemed lost amid the banging noise.

The folk Lakeman came to the fore with Solomon Browne, a tribute to lifeboat crews, which saw him take up his fiddle for the first time and led nicely into Portrait of my Wife from his forthcoming album, Word of Mouth.

The concert moved more towards the folk again with White Hare where Lakeman took up his guitar and was accompanied harmoniously by Stainton on the five string banjo.

Showing the gentler side for the ballad Apple Of His Eye, Lakeman, using the fiddle like a ukulele and playing pizzicato, fused softly with Stainton on her harmonium and with her lilting and sweet voice coming over the top.

Before the obligatory encore Lakeman's trademark fiddle solo was once again marred by the unnecessary and ridiculously intrusive banging drum.

Danny Farragher

# Modfather Weller has the crowd in a Jam

**Paul Weller, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**  
**WITH the shouts of 'Weller, Weller, Weller' his could easily have been a hair product convention.**

Which would also explain why so many similarly-coiffured gentlemen were in the same room together.

They were there to see the Modfather Paul Weller, of course. At 55 he's more of a Grandmodfather these days. But he's lost none of his edge and from the opening triple salvo of Sunflower, From the Floorboards Up and Wake Up the Nation, he had the sell-out Civic Hall crowd bobbing.

On the 36th anniversary since The Jam played New York, fans were kept waiting for an hour for a track from these heady days. Immediately after Peacock Suit had had everyone strutting, Start! had them all singing along.

The massed ranks had to wait until the very end for a Jam reprise as A Town Called Malice ended proceedings.

The second encore had begun with Weller and band resplendent in colourful capes for The Changing Man. An earlier brief interlude had resumed with Out of the Sinking.

The lengthy back catalogue also included Style Council material, while Weller - ably supported by a backing band that included Ocean Colour Scene's Steve Cradock - swapped his trademark guitar for piano for Dragonfly and Picking Up Sticks.



Mark Shipp

Paul Weller on stage during the sell-out concert at the Civic Hall

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## THEATRE REVIEWS

## Tennant makes arrogant king sympathetic



David Tennant as Richard III

Richard III,  
Royal Shakespeare Theatre,  
Stratford-upon-Avon

DAVID Tennant is the star attraction as a self-regarding monarch but there are many other fine performances, particularly by a silver-haired cohort of RSC veterans, in this traditional and accessible version of one of Shakespeare's lesser seen history plays.

The company's new artistic director Gregory Doran looks at a world where dignity and dynasty are destroyed by greed and ambition.

## Girlishly

King Richard sets in motion his own decline by ordering the murder of the Duke of Gloucester. He never admits responsibility but a 'keep your mouth shut' glance at the Duke of Norfolk speaks volumes. Then he banishes the outspoken Bolingbroke and steals his inheritance.

Tennant effects a effete fluting English accent and with girlishly long locks portrays an arrogant and androgynous king. At one point he kisses the Duke of Aumerle, Oliver Rix, with passion.

There cannot be a greater contrast than with his eventual usurper, Nigel Lindsay's gruff and manly Bolingbroke,

the later King Henry IV, clanking around in armour and built like a prop forward.

In act one it seems unlikely that we could care less for the capricious King Richard but it is to the credit of the Broadchurch and Doctor Who actor that by the time he becomes Bolingbroke's prisoner, the hair, the simple white gown and the cross around his neck creates a Christ-like aura about the doomed king. The scene where he has to hand over his crown but asks his enemy to take it from his grasp is electrifying.

Excellent support comes from RSC old hands. These include Michael Pennington as the dying John of Gaunt, passionately delivering the famous 'England' speech; Oliver Ford Davis as an increasingly bewildered Duke of York who remains loyal to the crown, whoever wears it; and Jane Lapotnik as the grief-stricken Duchess of Gloucester.

A set consisting of minimalist metal gantry and giant trap door puts the emphasis on the actors and the production is enhanced by beautiful choral music and regal blasts of brass.

The play has near sold out at Stratford and transfers to London's Barbican in December, but it will also be seen live on cinema screens nationwide on November 13.

Leon Burakowski

## From here to obscurity for new show

From Here To Eternity,  
Shaftesbury Theatre, London

THOSE looking for a musical to see on a trip to London's West End have a new option in this 1940s wartime epic that's just opened at the Shaftesbury. But don't take the kids or granny unless they don't mind hearing a barrage of F-words.

Those attracted by the name Tim Rice, this is the lyricist's first new work in over a decade, best be warned - The Lion King it isn't.

It is a grim and hard-hitting story of illicit lust and tarnished love, resentment and violence on an army base near Pearl Harbour in Hawaii before the Imperial Japanese Navy strike.

It is set in barracks, parade grounds

and in boxing rings, brothels and a gay bar (the latter populated by stereotypes). Ill-fated soldiers get stabbed, beaten to a pulp, bottoms are bared and the stage is urinated upon, there is racist and homophobic language.

## Paradise

The drab set makes little use of the paradise island setting. The only lei these characters are interested in is not a floral garland. But in this maelstrom of a musical, based on the 1950s novel that yielded the Oscar-winning movie with Burt Lancaster and Frank Sinatra, are some good songs by Stuart Brayson and superb performances.

Tall, dark and handsome Darius Campbell (a Popstar when surnamed Danesh) has a faultless US accent and

a superb crooning voice as the sergeant who has an affair with the commander's wife, an assured performance by Rebecca Thornhill. Robert Lonsdale makes misfit Private Prewitt an interesting character, strumming his pre-Elvis rock 'n' roll ballad to his prostitute girlfriend played by fine singer Siobhan Harrison.

The star turn is Ryan Sampson, from TV's Plebs, as profane but plucky Italian-American Private Maggio, who connects with the audience as soon as he appears strumming a ukulele.

Grim musicals can be hits, look at Les Mis, but I suspect this show will go from here to obscurity. This musical is a curiosity for dedicated show fans and Darius admirers.

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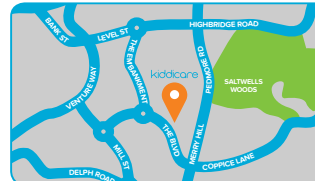


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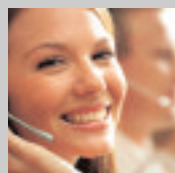
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### Adult Fiction

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James's horrors lurk in the shadows of ancient churches, in the pages of dusty books or even in the very sheets of your bed. His protagonists are often scholars, whos, meddling in the past stirs a vengeful, implacable supernatural foe.

Another academic, Darryl Jones, has edited a new edition of **M R. James: Collected Ghost Stories** (Oxford University Press, paperback, £8.99). Here are all 33 tales of terror. If you read them, be prepared for restless nights.

If you are partial to *Downton Abbey* and period ghost stories such as *The Others*, look no further than **The Uninvited Guests** by Sadie Jones (Vintage Books, paperback, £7.99).

It's 1912 and preparations are taking place above and below stairs for the 20th birthday of Emerald Torrington at the grand but crumbling Sterne House. So it comes as a major inconvenience when passengers involved in a rail accident arrive seeking shelter. As night falls and a storm rages, the Torrington family start to feel uneasy about their mysterious uninvited guests and not just because some of them may have come from third class.

### Children's Fiction

David Walliams is familiar to adults for his comic antics in *Little Britain* and *Big School*, but to the nation's children he is better known as a hugely popular author of cheeky irreverent stories much in the tradition of Roald Dahl. In his latest book chart-topper **Demon Dentist** (HarperCollins, hardback, £12.99) the tooth fairy has apparently been leaving slugs and spiders under pillows instead of the usual coin. Dentally-challenged young lad Alfie, who has decided magic does not exist, is reluctant to believe his friend Gabz when

she warns him that new dentist, the terrifying Miss Root, is a witch. Walliams handles the comedy well but also touches on issues with an unpatriotic frankness. And Miss Root is his nastiest villain yet.

**Haunted** (Oxford University Press, paperback, £6.99) by William Hussey is a tasty terror tale for teens. A pair of youngsters discover that the disturbing stories of strange goings-on in the town of Milton Lake are more than tall tales. Someone is using a Ghost Machine to conjure angry spirits back and they determine to stop them. This story from the *Witchfinder* author is worth checking out if you like Darren Shan and Ray Bradbury.

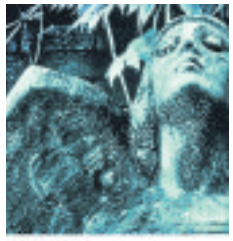
Ghosthunter Anthony Lockwood and Co have a last chance of redemption after another case goes wrong but it means the team – including new psychic investigator Lucy Carlyle – spending a night in the most haunted house in Britain. Bartimeus author Jonathan Stroud's **The Screaming Staircase** (Doubleday, hardback, £12.99) is the start of an exciting new series for older children set in a Britain suffering an epidemic of ghosts.

Best-selling author of *The Spook's Apprentice*, Joseph Delaney, will leave plenty of ten and 11-year-olds yearning for the light to be left on after reading this spooky tale about the place they put the worst phantoms, **The Ghost Prison** (Andersen Press, hardback, £7.99). We join young guard Billy on his first night on duty and learn about the inmates. This book is short, 112 pages, and has fine spooky black and white illustrations. A perfect Halloween read for young readers.

### Non-fiction

Having grown up in a supposedly haunted house Roger Clarke developed an interest in the supernatural at an early age. In his **A Natural History of Ghosts: 500 Years of Hunting for Proof** (Particular Books, hardback, £20) he looks at ghostly encounters from psychological, historical and sociological perspectives, and calls upon a wealth of anecdotes.

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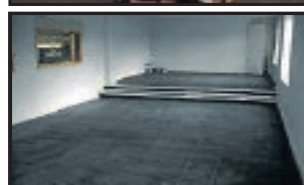
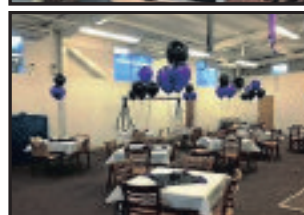
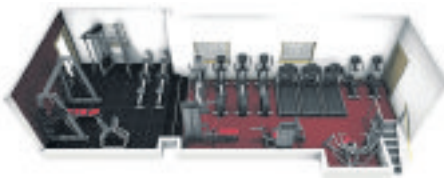
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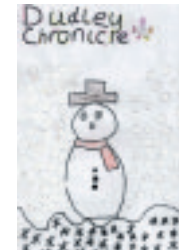
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## REVIEW

**Chris Wood,**  
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THERE is something eminently likeable about Chris Wood. Although one of the mature musicians on the folk circuit, he manages to retain an endearing boyish and playful charm.

This is how the award-winning musician got away with managing to disappear, leaving his audience in limbo, while he went in search of his cap in the dressing room. He had already set the tone of not taking himself seriously with a dull anecdote about guitar picks which managed to raise a laugh.

He opened properly with a bluesy number, a song he had learned from Martin Carthy, Oh My Hat is Frozen to My Head. He moved on to The Cottagers Reply which, like most of Wood's songs, has a gentle rolling sound enhancing the clever and poignant lyrics he is famous for.

The Sweetness Game brought in a country feel before the title track of his latest album None the Wiser, a snapshot of recession Britain. Wood's smooth voice and gently bouncing acoustic rhythms draw you in. He pulls out his version of Jerusalem. While the words are the same as the great British hymn he has rewritten the music and it never seems to sit easy as a combination.

There were more modern-day musings with More Fool Me about modern technology making it harder for musicians to make money.

**Danny Farragher**

# 70s idol turns dishwasher as part of Rep's new season

## Rocky Horror is feeling fab at 40

IT'S been doing the Time Warp for 40 years now and The Rocky Horror Show has every intention of growing old disgracefully.

The rude and rollicking musical, a homage to sci-fi B-movies and rock 'n' roll, brings a new Brad and Janet to become the sort-of-unwilling victims of the sex-crazed Frank 'N' Furter at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

### Superstar

Former Tracy Beaker and Strictly dance finalist Dani Harmer plays Janet in her first visit to Wolverhampton since her panto role six years ago.

Playing her fiancé Brad is Ben Forster, who won ITV's Superstar to play Jesus in the Jesus Christ Superstar arenas tour.

West End star of Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Oliver Thornton, is back in the high heels to play Frank 'N' Furter.

But the real stars of The Rocky Horror Show are always those audience members who dress outrageously and join in by shouting out responses to the action on stage.



Oliver Thornton as alien transvestite Frank 'N' Furter in the Rocky Horror Show

**NEW** plays premiering in Birmingham before their London opening, a celebration of influential Marxist playwright Bertolt Brecht and a return to drama for 1970s pop star David Essex feature in the Rep's season for 2014.

Artistic director of the revamped Centenary Square theatre, Roxana Silbert said: "The Rep has had an amazing 2013. We've celebrated our centenary as well as our re-opening alongside the Library of Birmingham."

"But there's no time for us to sit on our laurels, so I'm announcing our exciting new programme for the first half of 2014."

Pop star David Essex, who made a new career in musical theatre, returns to his roots as an actor in the European premiere of Canadian playwright Morris Panych's The Dishwashers on January 31 for a fortnight run.

An emphasis will be on female playwrights and this includes two premieres.

Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti's humorous look at family life Khandan (Family), directed by Silbert, will be staged from May 22 before going to London's Royal Court Theatre.

Her last play at the Rep, a decade ago, caused controversy in the Sikh community. Behzti (Dishonour), was cancelled after protests outside the theatre and threats to the writer.

Birmingham playwright



David Essex is in a new play at Birmingham Rep in January. Picture: John James

Rachel De-lahey's hard-hitting Circles, set on Birmingham's no.11 bus, is at the Rep's Door venue in May.

Brecht's The Threepenny Opera comes to the main stage in March in a new version by Jenny Sealey, one of the directors of the London 2012 Paralympics Opening Ceremony. While Silbert revives her RSC production of Brecht's A Life of Galileo starring Ian McDiarmid (February 28 - March 4).

Marking 100 years since the start of the First World War, the Rep presents a stage adaptation of Sebastian Faulk's novel Birdsong in March.

## REVIEW

**Fiddler on the Roof,**  
Wolverhampton  
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CRAIG Revel Horwood's revival of a 1960s Broadway favourite has plenty of heart to go with the memorable melodies – and a star turn by Paul Michael Glaser as a Jewish milkman in Tsarist Russia with daughters to marry off.

The Strictly Come Dancing judge is a most entertaining director and invests this tale of a Jewish community about to become evicted from their village with the right amounts of sentiment, poignancy and humour. Being a choreographer too, there are some impressive dance routines and the inevitable Revel Horwood flamboyance comes out in a delicious ghost scene with floating operatic phantom.

### Tradition

Paul Michael Glaser owns the stage as Teyve, the kind-hearted father who is torn between tradition and love for his strong-willed daughters, whose unsuitable suitors include a poor tailor, a revolutionary firebrand and a Russian gentle. The role sees the American actor come full circle. He played the young rebel in the movie version, 42 years on he is the bearded old man. He invests the role with integrity and his If I Were A Rich Man was a highlight.

Having actor-musicians who play instruments on stage gives this production a vibrant sound. It returns to the Midlands at Birmingham Hippodrome from March 11 to 15. **LB**



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## SATURDAY'S TV 26.10.13

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## CHOICE



Trevor Eve (right)

## Waking the Dead Drama, 9pm

This modern classic stars Trevor Eve as Detective Superintendent Peter Boyd, a troubled and volatile – but brilliant – police officer who's an expert at closing cold cases. Boyd heads up a crack squad of police investigators who reopen unsolved murder cases, using new technology to re-examine evidence that hopelessly will lead to the killer. In this week's episode workmen renovating the crypt of a Catholic church are alarmed when they discover the skeletal remains of a young man buried within the concrete. Sue Johnston, Holly Aird and Claire Goose also star.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **8.30** Live Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **10.45** Saturday Kitchen Live. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix – Qualifying Replay. **2.00** Live Rugby League World Cup. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

**6.30** Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present another ballroom battle as the pro-celebrity couples try to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

**8.15** Atlantis. A night-time messenger brings news from outside the city for Ariadne, who calls on Jason and his friends to help guide her to its source – without raising the Queen's suspicions.

**9.00** The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.

**9.10** Casualty. Jeff steps in to help a father and his sons who get into trouble over a hidden bag of cash, while Sam treats a bride on her wedding day, unaware Tom intends to propose.

**10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Liverpool v West Bromwich Albion; National Lottery Update.

**11.40** The Football League Show. Including highlights of Burnley v Queens Park Rangers.

**12.55** Weather. **1.00** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.25** Live Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix – Practice Three. **7.35** Film: Carnival Boat. (1932) **8.35** Film: The Fallen Sparrow. (1943) **10.10** Real History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.30** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **12.00** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.30** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **1.15** EastEnders. **3.05** Coast. **3.30** The House That £100K Built. (R) **4.30** Live Rugby League World Cup.

**7.00** Flog It! Paul Martin travels to Corby in Northamptonshire and invites members of the public to have their antiques valued for auction. (R)

**7.30** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World. A look at research into the lives of the marine mammals, including insights into the creatures' intelligence, social interactions and parental instincts. (R)

**8.30** Dad's Army. Mainwaring and Wilson are trapped in the bank vault with an unexploded bomb. (R)

**9.00** The 70s. Dominic Sandbrook examines the final three years of the decade, focusing on the violence that plagued concrete housing estates and the launch of Grange Hill. Last in the series. (R)

**10.00** The Sarah Milligan Slightly Longer Television Programme. Extended edition. With Dan Cruickshank, Martin Lewis and Gabriella Ellis.

**10.40** Film: An Education. (2009) Coming-of-age drama, starring Carey Mulligan and Peter Sarsgaard.

**12.15** Film: Stolen. (2010) **1.40** This Is BBC Two. **4.30** (GMT) Live MotoGP.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News. Weather. **11.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.15** Doc Martin. (R) **2.15** Catchphrase. (R) **3.00** Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones. (2002) **5.40** Regional Programme. Weather. **5.50** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00** New You've Been Framed! Featuring lookalikes of Harry Styles, Beyoncé and Sarah Millican.

**6.30** Fool Britannia. A teacher takes on a martial arts champion to impress his girlfriend.

**7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Jason Gardiner, Ashley Roberts, Linda Robson and Christopher Biggins.

**8.00** The X Factor. The remaining singers perform songs from the movies in the third live studio round, battling to win praise from the judges and the support of viewers at home.

**10.00** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Naomi Campbell, three of the X Factor judges, Stephen Merchant and Laura Mvula.

**11.00** ITV News: Weather. **11.15** Take Me Out. (R) **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** (GMT) The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British Rallycross. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Heston's Fairytale Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.05** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Coulson and the team head to Asia to rescue a young man with an unusual and dangerous power, and an elusive girl in a floral dress may hold the key to the mystery. (R)

**8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets a master craftsman who plans to build a castle in rural Devon made entirely of mud, forming the huge property out of two curved roundhouses connected by glazing. (R)

**9.00** Film: Die Hard 2. (1990) A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia.

**11.20** Film: Beverly Hills Cop II. (1987) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy.

**1.20** Film: It's Kind of a Funny Story. (2010) **2.00** (GMT) Holyoaks. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.50** Sluggert. **11.20** Jungle Babies: Tarsier Tails. (R) **11.50** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **12.20** Animal Maternity. (R) **1.20** Film: Columbo: Murder by the Book. (1971) **3.00** Film: Run Silent, Run Deep. (1958) **4.50** Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. (1968)

**6.35** Lost Heroes of World War One. How the war affected life in Britain. (R)

**7.00** Nazi Titanic: Revealed. The story of the 1943 Nazi propaganda movie Titanic, which retold the disaster with the British as cowardly profiteers and the German crew members as the heroes. Part of the Britain at War season. (R)

**8.00** War Hero in My Family. Paddy Ashdown uncovers the story of his father and Henry Lederer finds out about her grandfather, both of whom made valuable contributions during the course of the Second World War. Part of the Britain at War season. (R)

**8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Stephen King's Bag of Bones. A recently widowed novelist is plagued by disturbing dreams, ghostly visitations and messages from beyond the grave. Mystery horror, starring Pierce Brosnan. (R)

**12.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** (GMT) Michaela's Wild Challenge. Investigating the strength of ants. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Match of the Day Live. England v Wales (Kick-off 7.05pm). **9.15** Film: Deja Vu (2006) Sci-fi thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **11.15** Family Guy **BBC Four** **8.00** Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top 10 **ITV2** **3.55** Film: Honey (2003) **5.55** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **7.45** Film: Twister (1996) **10.00** The Xtra Factor **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.50** The Magaluf Weekender **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3** **2.50** Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **4.50** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Wire in the Blood **ITV4** **2.35** British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.10** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **6.00** Storage Wars **7.00** I Want That Car **8.00** Hornblower **10.10** Film: The Shining (1980) **Drama** **3.05** Lovejoy **4.05** The Lost World **5.35** Birds of a Feather **7.35** Jonathan Creek. A sceptical researcher returns from the dead. **9.00** Waking the Dead. Feature-length episode. A skull is found buried in a church crypt. **11.25** Murphy's Law **5.00** (GMT) Close Film4 **2.50** Black Beauty (1971) **4.55** The Phantom (1996) **6.55** Letters to Juliet (2010) **9.00** Along Came a Spider (2001) Detective thriller prequel, starring Morgan Freeman. **11.00** Stake Land (2010)

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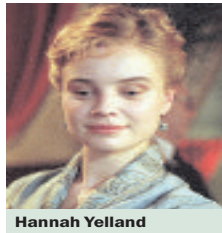


## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 27.10.13

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## CHOICE



**Catherine Cookson's The Secret Drama, 9pm**  
Based on a novel by Catherine Cookson, this period drama concerns Freddie Musgrave, who, as a young man, fell in with a band of criminals and made a career as a smuggler. With the help of Maggie Hewitt, a respectable businesswoman who fell in love with him, Freddie was able to leave his life of crime behind him and has become a trusted employee of Maggie's firm. However, a face from Freddie's past – and a cache of rare gems – could destroy the new life Freddie has spent nearly two decades building. Colin Buchanan and Hannah Yelland star.

## BBC1

**6.00 (GMT) Breakfast. 7.10 Match of the Day. (R) 8.30 Live Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix. 11.45 Sunday Politics. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix Replay. 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Big Sing: The UK's Top 10 Hymns. 4.55 The Great British Year. (R) 5.55 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 6.20 Countryfile. For the first time, the programme plays host to One Man and His Dog, the contest showcasing the skills and traditions of sheepdog training and handling. Matt Baker commentates. 7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkler reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges. Earth, Wind & Fire provide the music. 8.00 The Paradise. Moray invites a business associate from Paris to visit, hoping he can strike a deal to sell the fireworks she has brought with her – but their intimacy arouses Denise's jealousy. 9.00 By Any Means. The team targets a gangland thug who walked free after murdering a young boy in broad daylight and is now marketing a hallucinogenic drug to children. Last in the series. 10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Sunderland v Newcastle United. 11.50 Rugby League World Cup. 12.35 Weatherview. 12.40 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.00 Film: (GMT) The Penguin Pool Murder. (1932) 7.05 Film: The 39 Steps. (1935) 8.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 2013. 11.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 MotoGP. 2.30 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 Boxing. 5.30 Britain's Classroom Heroes. 6.30 The Ginge, the Georgie and the Geek. 7.00 Dive WWII: Our Secret History. Part two of two. The team uncovers more U-boats as well as submarines sunk as part of the German surrender and dive to the wreck of Hitler's deadliest vessel. 8.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys. New series. Michael Portillo travels through Spain as he once again ventures onto the European rail network, visiting Madrid, Córdoba, Seville, Algeciras and Gibraltar. 9.00 A Very English Education. Catching up with people featured in a 1979 series about Radley College. 10.00 The Wrong Mans. The duo find they have become high-profile fugitives. (R) 10.30 Qi XL. Extended edition. With Izy Suttie, Tim Minchin and Bill Bailey. 11.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Actress Kristen Schaal hosts the comedy music quiz. (R) 11.45 Film: Just Like Heaven. (2005) Romantic fantasy, with Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo. 1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.10 Holly City. (R) 3.10 This Is BBC Two.**

## ITV

**6.00 (GMT) CITV: (GMT) Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Canimals. (R) 7.25 Sooty. 7.35 Horrid Henry. (R) 7.50 Big Time Rush. 8.15 Bottom Knockout Street. 8.30 Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Storage Hoarders. (R) 10.30 Sunday Side Up. 11.30 Sunday Scoop. 12.30 ITV News: Weather. 12.35 Inside the National Trust. 1.35 The FA Cup Draw. 2.05 The X Factor. (R) 4.05 Foot Britannia. (R) 4.35 Downton Abbey. (R) 5.40 Prize Island. 6.35 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.45 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 Surprise Surprise. A stroke victim is introduced to his cycling hero Mark Cavendish. 8.00 The X Factor Results. The two least popular acts sing for survival. 9.00 Downton Abbey. Rose's surprise contribution to Robert's birthday party ruffles feathers. Mary faces repercussions when a new farming venture is launched, and Edith receives more uncome news. 10.05 ITV News: Weather. 10.20 Women Behind Bars with Trevor McDonald. Part two of two. The journalist meets an inmate who spent 35 years on the run. (R) 11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures. 12.15 The Store. 2.20 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.35 Motorsport UK. 4.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10 (GMT) The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The American Football Show. (R) 7.55 Killarney Adventure Race. 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Film: Maid in Manhattan. (2002) 4.00 Channel 4 Live. 4.30 American Football Live. 8.00 Bigfoot Files. Mark Evans travels to America's Pacific Northwest to meet people who claim to have come face to face with a sasquatch, and Bryan Sykes reveals the results of his DNA tests. 9.00 Homeland. Carrie learns the CIA can still exert power when needed, Saul and Fara follow the money trail to an unexpected location, and Dana goes missing. 10.05 Was It Something I Said? David Mitchell hosts the comedy panel show, with team captains Micky Flanagan and Richard Ayoade joined by guests Bob Mortimer and Katherine Ryan. Brian Blessed is the narrator. 10.35 Toast of London. Steven wins a part in a new play. 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Masters of Sex star Michael Sheen, Britain's Got Talent's Amanda Holden, Thirty Seconds to Mars frontman Jared Leto, TV personality Karl Pilkington and Swedish duo Icona Pop. (R) 12.10 American Football Live. Minnesota Vikings v Green Bay Packers (Kick-off 12.30am). 3.45 FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) 4.10 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.05 Countdown. (R) 5.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)**

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 (GMT) Milkshake!: (GMT) Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fit and the Flowerbuds. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Hana's Helpline. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Jelly Jam. (R) 10.00 Great Run Series. 12.00 Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. (2009) 1.40 Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) 3.30 Film: The Canterville Ghost. (1996) 5.15 Film: Monster House. (2006) 6.55 Film: Ghostbusters. (1984) Supernatural comedy, starring Bill Murray. 8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Film: Scream 4. (2011) Premiere. Massacre survivor Sidney Prescott faces a new masked killer marking the anniversary of the original killings. Horror sequel, starring Neve Campbell. 11.10 Scream: The True Story. The inspiration behind the horror movie. 12.05 Film: The Wicker Man. (2006) Horror remake, starring Nicolas Cage. 1.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)**

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 (GMT) Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Atlantis 8.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Sweat the Small Stuff 11.15 American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 (GMT) Serengeti: Unnatural Histories 8.00 Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain 9.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 11.00 Medieval Lives: Birth, Marriage, Death  
**ITV2**  
2.20 Film: Honey (2003) 4.25 Film: Casper (1995) 6.25 Film: The Perfect Storm (2000) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.50 Freshers 11.50 Tricked  
**ITV3**  
2.00 Foyle's War 4.05 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.00 Lewis 9.00 The Crime Thriller Awards 2013 10.35 Film: The Elephant Man (1980)  
**ITV4**  
3.00 The Saint 4.00 Film: The War Wagon (1967) 6.00 Film: The 'Burbos (1989) 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Passenger 57 (1992) 10.50 James Cracknell: Sports Life Stories 11.50 Film: Demolition Man (1993)  
**Drama**  
3.00 Catherine Cookson's The Secret 6.00 Bergerac 7.00 Last of the Summer Wine 7.40 Lark Rise to Candleford. A Lark Rise man is arrested for striking his wife. 9.00 Catherine Cookson's The Secret. Feature-length thriller set in 19th-century Tyneside.  
**Film4**  
3.15 Doctor Dolittle (1967) 6.05 Clear and Present Danger (1994) 9.00 Escape from Alcatraz (1979) 11.15 After the Sunset (2004)

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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

#### Final Destination, Channel 5, 10.55pm

A teenager's grim premonition saves his schoolmates from dying in a plane crash, but despite their narrow escape, the vengeful spirit of death refuses to be outwitted and the survivors fall victim to a series of bizarre mishaps. Horror, starring Devon Sawa, Ali Larter, Kerr Smith, Kristen Cloke and Seann William Scott. (2000)

### TUESDAY

#### Archipelago, BBC1, 12.05am

A man prepares to leave home to do voluntary work in Africa. His mother plans to see him off with a family get-together at their holiday home in the Isles of Scilly, but the gathering only exposes the deep-seated conflicts between them. Drama, starring Tom Hiddleston, Kate Fahy, Amy Lloyd and Lydia Leonard. (2010)

### WEDNESDAY

#### The Ghost of Greville Lodge, Channel 5, 3.10pm

A teenage orphan is invited to stay at his great-uncle's sprawling country manor, where he becomes aware of ghostly happenings – and the mysteriously locked doors of the west wing. Then one night he wakes up to find himself in the middle of tragic past events. Family drama, starring George Cole, Prunella Scales, Jon Newman and Rebecca Weeks. (2000)



Final Destination, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

### THURSDAY

#### The Canterville Ghost, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A crotchety English ghost wages war on the American family occupying his ancestral home, but ends up forming an unexpected friendship with the daughter, who helps break the curse that prevents him resting in peace. Supernatural comedy based on Oscar Wilde's classic ghost story, starring Patrick Stewart, Neve Campbell, Ed Wiley and Cherie Lunghi. (1996)

### FRIDAY

#### TT: Closer to the Edge, ITV, 10.35pm

Documentary following the annual Tourist Trophy motorcycle race held on the Isle of Man. The event has a reputation as one of the most dangerous motorcycle events in the world, with riders frequently being killed on the course. The film follows several competitors in the 2010 TT, including reigning champion John McGuinness. (2011)

#### Halloween: Resurrection, BBC1, 11.50pm

Unstoppable killer Michael Myers returns to his childhood home where teenagers are misguidedly spending the night intending to record their every move on webcam and broadcast it live on the internet. Horror sequel, starring Brad Lorie, Busta Rhymes, Tyra Banks, Sean Patrick Thomas and Bianca Kajlich. (2002)

## Pick of the Week

# Order is in short supply on the streets of Whitechapel

**B**lood, gore, violence and shattered personal lives – they're all just in a day's work for the coppers working on Ripper Street.

Despite being set in 1890, this drama, which returns for its second series this week, bears all the hallmarks of 21st century television thanks to its near-the-knuckle depictions of crimes, brutal plots and fast-paced approach to storytelling.

And although those factors are enough to make any programme compelling, Ripper Street also has a super cast, led by Matthew Macfadyen and Adam Rothenberg.

All three return here to play their heroic if somewhat flawed characters who are trying to keep Whitechapel's streets clean – which, it seems, is an impossible job.

Life has changed for the three main characters since we last saw them; Drake (Fynn) has a new wife who seems to be smoothing down his rough edges, Jackson (Rothenberg) is beginning to wonder if Whitechapel is really the place to put down roots, while Reid (Macfadyen) has undergone the biggest change of all.

"He's no longer with his wife, who has left home, and the audience discovers why during the first episode," explains the former Spooks star. "They had a very traumatic end to the first series and he'd given her false hope that he'd found their missing daughter. It turned out it wasn't her and so that was pretty hard for them both and their marriage dissolved."

"Anyway, he's on his own and his house is a mess. He sleeps at the office in Leman Street most nights and he's in quite a lonely and dark place but as always he throws himself into his work and that's his constant salvation."

In the first episode, a policeman has been thrown out of a window onto the iron railings below, and Reid is keen to find out whodunit as soon as possible – after all, if the police are proven to be fallible, criminals everywhere could run amok.

The dead officer was stationed in neighbouring K-division, led by the amoral Jedediah Shine, and Reid's investigation sees him locking horns not only with his formidable colleague, but also with members of the emergent Chinatown community who

appear to know more than they're letting on.

"It's always thrilling to learn about the new casting and people who are coming in," says Macfadyen. "We've got Joseph Mawle who comes in and plays Jedediah Shine and he's a terrific actor."

Mawle's previous credits include Birdsong, Game of Thrones and Red Riding, but he's rarely played somebody as villainous as Shine.

"Shine runs the Limehouse division and Reid runs the Whitechapel division," Macfadyen reveals. "I think as far as Reid knows he is a good policeman."

"Initially, they work together and then doubts start to grow about Shine and what kind of man he is..."

But really, at the heart of the drama is the bromance between the three central characters.

"It's a lovely dynamic because it is two and one – three is always two and one, it's a constantly shifting thing. Two are fighting and one is breaking up the fight, it's great and they are lovely actors so it just gets better and better."



Matthew Macfadyen stars in Ripper Street, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

#### The Gadget Show Channel 5, 8pm

Recently, we've got used to seeing Rachel Riley wearing sequins, fake tan and a slightly uncertain expression as she takes the floor on Strictly Come Dancing. But this week, she's indulging in a very different type of dress-up as she joins forces with Jason Bradbury to build two high-tech Halloween costumes. (Yes, even more high-tech than cutting two eyeholes in an old bed sheet). But when they take to the streets of Birmingham in their new outfits, will the public be scared witless or just a bit bemused?

### TUESDAY

#### The Escape Artist BBC1, 9pm

David Tennant's latest foray into the fictional crime world sounds very intriguing indeed. In this three-part he plays Will Burton, a junior barrister on the rise. He's expected to become a QC, and thanks to his sharp wits and intellectual capacity, has never been defeated in court – everyone he has ever defended has been acquitted. But Will is about to learn the hard way that winning at all costs isn't necessarily the right thing to do after his latest client, Liam Foyle, turns out to be a serial killer who, thanks to Will's expertise, is about to be let out onto the streets to strike again...

#### On the Run ITV, 9pm

Nigel Burnell is a sex offender from South Wales who breached a court order and went on the run to

Portugal. Lukasz Sawicki failed to appear in court for a charge of sexual assault and is wanted in Poland for threats to kill after being convicted in his absence. This one-off documentary attempts to track down the pair of wanted criminals so they can be brought to justice. Presenters Natasha Kaplinsky and Mark Williams-Thomas reveal how their undercover team trace fugitives on the run from the law. However, with the Portuguese police proving reluctant to arrest Burnell, and Sawicki proving elusive, the respective manhunts prove tricky.

#### WEDNESDAY Ambassadors BBC2, 9pm

The opening episode of this sitcom focused on the new British ambassador to Tazbekistan's efforts to land a lucrative deal for the UK. In the second edition, somebody else tries to land a lucrative deal for the UK. There's a pattern emerging, but we hope it doesn't last long because if it does, the welcome afforded to the series is soon going to wear thin. Here, Tom Hollander guest stars as Prince Mark of Bath – the episode reunites him with writer James Wood, who not only co-wrote Ambassadors, but penned the actor's religious sitcom Rev. Prince Mark manages to upset everyone while trying to secure drilling licences for AngloBrit Oil – but an unexpected turn of events could turn him into an unlikely hero.

#### Mercury Prize Live Winner Announcement Channel 4, 10pm

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### THURSDAY

#### Bedlam Channel 4, 9pm

We may like to think we've come a long way since the days when people with a mental illness were incarcerated in 'Bedlams', but the truth is there are still many myths and stigmas attached to psychiatric treatment. This new documentary series challenges the stereotypes by going behind the scenes at the world's

oldest psychiatric institution. The first episode focuses on one of the most common mental illnesses in Britain today – anxiety. The Bethlem Royal Psychiatric Hospital in South London is a specialist unit that treats some of the most extreme cases, most of whom have been diagnosed with a form of OCD. For example, James, 23, suffers from a debilitating fear that he'll lose control of his bowels in public.

#### Person of Interest Channel 5, 10pm

The last series of JJ Abrams and Jonathan Nolan's complex saga ended with Finch (Michael Emerson) being abducted by Root (Amy Acker), a contract killer and computer hacker obsessed with 'the machine'. However, she has no idea Finch has programmed it to use Reese (Jim Caviezel) as the contingency if anything happens to him. In this second episode, Carter (Taraji P Henson) goes through the files of Hanna (Emily Robinson), a 14-year old who walked out of a Texas library in 1991 and apparently vanished without a trace.

### FRIDAY

#### Chris Tarrant Goes Fishing Channel 5, 7pm

For a man who loves casting off as much as he loves asking folks if that's their final answer?, it seemed only a matter of time before Chris Tarrant was given a show of his own... and here it is. The Who Wants To Be A Millionaire host will be exploring some of the world's greatest fishing grounds in the company of professional fisherman and guide John Horsey. First stop for the duo is the Maldives.

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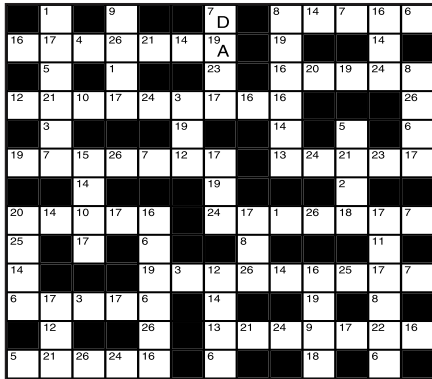
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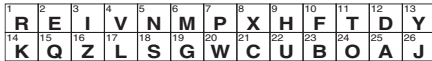
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

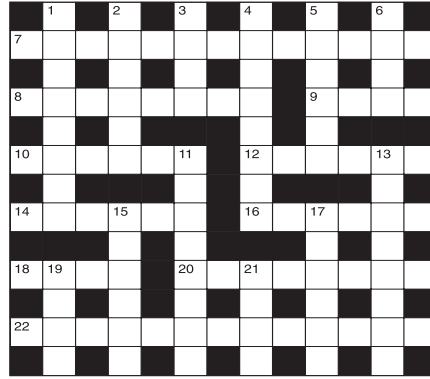
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## Across

7. A grave charge? (4-9)  
8. Not the dawn chorus, presumably (4,4)  
9. It gets me back in the newspaper (4)  
10. Its employer doesn't want to leave a bad mark (6)  
12. Foreigner installed in the desk I'm ousted from (6)  
14. This system has point (6)  
16. Withdraw a direction to surrender (6)  
18. A little lower - down the leg (4)  
20. Even its pursuers want to be! (8)  
22. Returns without having made any deductions (5,8)

## Down

1. Meet a number on the border (8)  
2. They have beastly laughs (6)  
3. Prepare for take off? (4)  
4. Walks and causes amazement (8)  
5. It's a scream! (6)  
6. A joint account at the bank needs part of it (4)  
11. A patient is better after it (8)  
13. Ship's officer about to prepare a book to make one think! (8)  
15. Say no, it's useless (6)  
17. Belief in solvency? (6)  
19. Melodies people may put on (4)  
21. Resort looks agreeable on paper (4)



## Quick Clues:

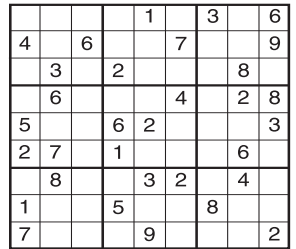
## Across

7. Disputable (13)  
8. Throttle (8)  
9. Merit (4)  
10. Sake (6)  
12. Inflict (6)  
14. Adopt (6)  
16. Company of performers (6)  
18. Girl (4)  
20. Slow (8)  
22. Unkind (13)

## Down

1. Citadel (8)  
2. Layers (6)  
3. Yearn (4)  
4. Abandoned (8)  
5. Slumbering (6)  
6. Just (4)  
11. Diabolic (8)  
13. Divided (8)  
15. Result (6)  
17. Clamour (6)  
19. Mother's sister (4)  
21. Swimming-pool (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

8	9	7	1	3	6	5	4	2
3	4	5	9	2	8	6	1	7
2	6	1	4	5	7	3	8	9
7	1	6	3	8	9	2	5	4
5	8	3	7	4	2	9	6	1
9	2	4	5	6	1	8	7	3
1	5	2	6	7	3	4	9	8
4	7	8	2	9	5	1	3	6
6	3	9	8	1	4	7	2	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stow; 8 Overthrown; 9 Idolater; 10 Pact; 12 Groove; 14 Shunts; 15 Molest; 17 Reduce; 18 Veal; 19 Diplomat; 21 Schoollime; 22 Reed. Down: 2 Tender love; 3 Wool; 4 Settle; 5 Storks; 6 Propound; 7 Knot; 11 Cat's cradle; 13 Overlook; 16 Toddler; 17 Repair; 18 Visa; 20 Over. QUICK - Across: 1 Iota; 8 Strike dumb; 9 Pleasant; 10 Acts; 12 Efface; 14 Heeded; 15 Guards; 17 Saturn; 18 Asps; 19 Reclaims; 21 Above board; 22 Send. Down: 2 On all fours; 3 Asia; 4 Grease; 5 Sketch; 6 Adjacent; 7 Ebbs; 11 The Kremlin; 13 Abrasive; 16 Scribe; 17 Social; 18 Alias; 20 Adds.



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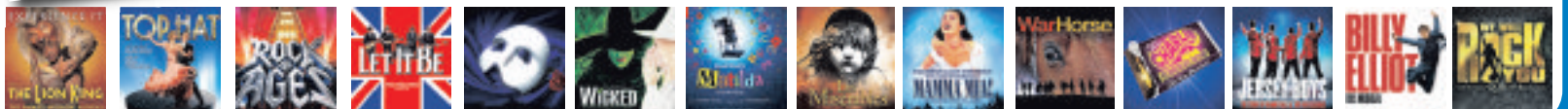
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•First floor flat  
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**BOSWORTH CLOSE  
WOODSETON**

- Detached family residence • Extremely well presented throughout
- Four bedrooms • 21ft Living room • Ground floor cloaks room
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- Popular location • VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: D

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- Extremely impressive dining kitchen with integrated appliances
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**COLERIDGE RISE  
THE STRAITS**

- A delightful semi-detached family home with three bedrooms
- 23ft Lounge diner plus double glazed conservatory to the rear
- Fitted kitchen plus utility • Downstairs cloak • Parking plus garage
- Off road parking • Central heating • Double glazing Energy Rating: D

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**PARK HALL ROAD  
GOLDTHORN PARK**

- Substantial semi-detached family home with FOUR bedrooms
- Spacious living room • 24ft Dining kitchen plus laundrette
- Stylish downstairs shower room • First floor bathroom
- Good size rear garden • Ample off road parking • MUST BE SEEN
- Interior viewing is highly recommended Energy Rating: DBC

£165,000



**JEWS LANE  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Substantial detached family home with extended accommodation
- Three double bedrooms with ensuite shower room to the master
- Two reception rooms • Kitchen plus utility • Stylish family bathroom
- Extensive and private rear garden Energy Rating: E

£165,000



**LONGFELLOW ROAD  
THE STRAITS**

- Well presented semi-detached property in popular location
- Three bedrooms • 23ft Lounge diner • Fitted kitchen with room off
- Central heating • Double glazing • Garage • Off road parking
- Family size rear garden • No upward chain Energy Rating: C

£161,950



**WALLOWS WOOD  
THE STRAITS**

- Spacious semi-detached home well presented throughout
- Three bedrooms • Lounge, dining room, office, kitchen, laundrette
- Stylish bathroom • Low maintenance rear garden • Central heating
- Double glazing • Off road parking Energy Rating: D

£149,995



**KENT STREET  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Traditional semi-detached residence with impressive accommodation
- Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Spacious kitchen
- Modernised shower room • Detached garage to rear • Parking
- Pleasant rear garden • Substantial family home Energy Rating: F

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**HIMLEY AVENUE  
DUDLEY**

- Semi-detached family home • Three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room, study • Kitchen plus utility
- Off road parking • Central heating • Double glazing
- A well presented home • VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: C

Offers Around £140,000



**RAINHAM CLOSE  
FOXFORDS, TIPTON**

- Spacious semi-detached home with three bedrooms
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED • 21ft Lounge diner
- Off road parking • 14ft Breakfast kitchen • Central heating
- Double glazing • No upward chain Energy Rating: C

Reduced to £139,950



**CLARENCE STREET  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Semi-detached home in convenient position • Three bedrooms
- Improved accommodation that must be seen to be appreciated
- 24ft Living room • Kitchen plus laundrette with WC off
- Central heating • Double glazing • No upward chain Energy Rating: D

Offers Over £130,000



**TUDOR ROAD  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Semi-detached home on corner position • Three bedrooms
- Lounge • Dining kitchen • Downstairs cloak • Bathroom
- Central heating • Front, side and rear gardens • Parking for 2 vehicles
- Garage • VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: D

£124,950



**PADARN CLOSE  
NORTHWAY**

- Surprisingly spacious mid-down house with three bedrooms
- Extremely well presented family size home • Lounge
- Stylish dining kitchen • Downstairs cloak • Stylish bathroom
- Central heating • Double glazing • Allocated parking Energy Rating: C

£124,950



**PARK ROAD  
WOODSETON**

- An improved semi-detached home • Spacious accommodation
- Three double bedrooms • 23ft Lounge diner • Kitchen, utility
- Modernised shower room • Detached garage to rear • Parking
- Central heating • Double glazing • Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £124,950



**ROPER WAY  
WOODSETON**

- Townhouse property with two bedrooms • Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Bath room • Central heating • Double glazing • Pleasant rear garden
- Off road parking for 2 vehicles • No upward chain Energy Rating: C

£119,950



**EVE LANE  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Traditional semi-detached property • Popular location
- Three bedrooms • Lounge, dining kitchen • First floor bathroom
- Off road parking • 14ft Breakfast kitchen • Central heating
- Spacious and well maintained accommodation Energy Rating: D

£119,950



**BROOK STREET  
GORNAL WOOD**

- Mid terrace home with two bedrooms • Spacious accommodation
- 23ft Lounge diner • Cottage style fitted kitchen with Belfast sink
- Spacious bathroom • Central heating • Double glazing
- 24ft Living room • Kitchen plus laundrette with WC off
- Low maintenance rear garden • Parking Energy Rating: F

£112,950



**OLD PARK ROAD  
DUDLEY**

- Semi-detached with three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus veranda • Heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Conveniently positioned • Requiring some modernisation works
- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Energy Rating: G

Reduced to £110,000



**ROWAN ROAD  
SEDGLEY**

- Pleasant and spacious property with NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Two double bedrooms • 14ft living room • Dining kitchen • Office
- Downstairs WC • Shower room • Central heating • Double glazing
- Interior viewing highly recommended Energy Rating: D

£105,000



**PLEASANT VIEW  
LOWER GORNAL**

- Surprisingly spacious semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area • Fitted kitchen • Upstairs bathroom
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- Quiet position • Private rear garden • Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £99,950



**DUDLEY ROAD  
SEDGLEY**

- Spacious first floor flat with two double bedrooms • Ideal first time buy
- 14ft x 14ft Lounge • Kitchen • Bathroom • Heating
- Part double glazing • Rear garden • Communal parking
- Conveniently close to Sedgley centre Energy Rating: C

£75,000



**HILL STREET  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Well presented ground floor flat • Bedroom, lounge, kitchen
- Bathroom • Central heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Viewing recommended • Ideal first time buy Energy Rating: D
- INTERIOR VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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**ETTYMORE ROAD  
SEDGLEY**

- Detached family residence with extremely spacious accommodation
- Four bedrooms
- Sitting room plus 19ft living room
- Modern kitchen
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Private garden
- Conveniently close to Sedgley centre
- NO CHAIN Energy Rating: D

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# Property

## New site opening to the public next month



**WORCESTERSHIRE** property-seekers can discover more about the stylish range of homes available at Taylor Wimpey's Lucet Meadow development in Redditch when the site is officially unveiled next month.

By visiting the new Sales Cabin, which opens in November, visitors will be able to browse detailed plans for the full selection of impressive two, three and four-bedroom properties – and take their pick from the fully available plots. They'll also be able to find out about Taylor Wimpey's range of helpful incentives for purchasers in a range of circumstances.

Anne Wallace, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "We are very excited about the eagerly-anticipated launch of Lucet Meadow, with the new Sales Centre opening in November. With the development already generating huge levels of interest from potential purchasers, I'd urge anyone hoping to find their perfect property here to visit us without delay – or risk missing out."

Just one of the high-quality properties at Lucet Meadow is the two-bedroom 'Appleford' featuring an open-plan kitchen/living/dining room opening through French doors to the private rear garden, with a guest cloakroom completing the ground-floor layout.

Upstairs, the landing leads to a master bedroom, a further double bedroom and a main bathroom, while outside there are two allocated parking spaces.

### Efficient

All new homes at the development are completed to a high standard specification, including energy efficient central heating, double glazing and a fitted kitchen with integrated oven, hob and hood.

The Government's Help to Buy scheme enables first-time buyers and those looking to move on from an existing property to purchase their new home for 80 per cent of its full price, including a deposit as low as five per cent.

The development is located in Woodrow North, Redditch, B98 7QQ, and further information is available by calling 01527 910147.

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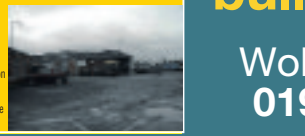
LYE BUSINESS CENTRE, HAYES LANE, STOURBRIDGE, DY9 9QH  
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### FOR SALE

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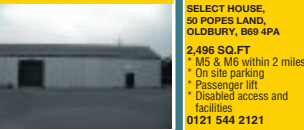
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### TO LET

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\* M5 (J1) within 2.5 miles  
\* Modern detached premises  
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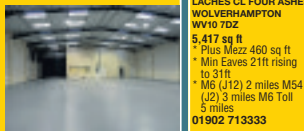
CONYGRE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TIPTON DY4 8XP  
8,178 sq ft  
\* Refurbished unit  
\* J2 of M5 within 3 miles  
\* Self-contained with offices  
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2,250 - 18,500 sq ft  
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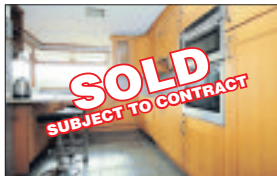


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**£299,500****DUDLEY****Shipton Close, Milking Bank neighbourhood**

An EXCEPTIONAL, meticulously maintained & comprehensively upgraded, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached on wider than average plot in favoured cul de sac. Magnificent accommodation includes imposing 16'10" reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a range 'light oak' effect units, garage sub-divided to form play/sitting room & further external store). Principal bedroom with wardrobes & reappointed shower room en suite, three further generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite, extensive parking, carport, workshop area beyond, delightful expertly tended/landscaped rear garden incorporating extensive slabbed patio EPC: TBA SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902880888

**Offers in the region of £239,950****WALL HEATH****Windmill Grove**

An IMPRESSIVE TRADITIONAL DETACHED BUNGALOW within a desirable cul-de-sac location and a level walking distance from village shops, offering a MOST ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and WELL APPOINTED range of GENEROUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING comprising: Large central Reception Hall, large Lounge with Dining Area off, attractively fitted Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (both with fitted wardrobes) and modern Bathroom. Set beyond the landscaped front garden, with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, enclosed side entrance, GARDEN STORE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£209,950 - No Upward Chain****WOLVERHAMPTON****Wolverhampton Road East**

An EXTREMELY SPACIOUS & highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed DETACHED HOUSE designed to take maximum advantage of individual sloping site. Accommodation includes imposing 19ft reception hall, fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, dining room, lounge, third bedroom with steps down to the lower ground floor having a hallway, two generous double bedrooms, bathroom & store, secluded rear garden with gated service driveway at rear giving access to extensive slabbed parking & TWO SINGLE BRICK GARAGES. Internal inspection vital to appreciate potential. EPC: TBA SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £189,950****NETHERTON****Hockley Lane**

This MUCH IMPROVED, IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, traditional style, three bedroom detached family home simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The IMPRESSIVE PROPERTY briefly comprises: entrance porch, welcoming hall, stylish lounge with bay, fabulous RE-FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, three good bedrooms, stunning RE-FITTED BATHROOM with white suite/separate shower cubicle, garage, block paved driveway, and a good size rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265.

**£179,950****KINGSWINFORD****Pinewood Walk**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, DETACHED BUNGALOW, delightfully situated upon sought after Blanford Mere, just a short walk from Stallings Lane shops, and now offering GREATLY ENLARGED and INCREDIBLY GENEROUS accommodation, enhanced by a DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear and internally comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, extended / refitted kitchen with appliances, side veranda, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom and further separate WC. GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying delightful gardens upon three sides, including a good sized and beautifully laid out rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£179,950****KINGSWINFORD****Bromley Lane**

Offering OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL, this EXTENDED, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE benefits from UPGRADED WIRING / CENTRAL HEATING and, although REQUIRES UPDATING, provides INCREDIBLY GENEROUS accommodation with EXCELLENT SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT, comprising: reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, potential office / ground floor bedroom, ground floor wet room, THREE EXCEPTIONAL BEDROOMS (all double), bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With BROAD DRIVEWAY, GARAGE (with inspection pit) and a good sized rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£174,950 - No Upward Chain****QUARRY BANK****SEDGLEY****West Street**

This immaculately presented, modern style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Storey, Three / Four Bedroom Mid Townhouse provides versatile family living space and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Bedroom Two with En Suite, Study / Bedroom Four, Utility, First Floor Lounge and Dining Kitchen, Second Floor MASTER BEDROOM with En Suite, Bedroom Three and Bathroom with white suite, pleasant, low maintenance Garden and TWO allocated Parking Spaces to Rear. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£169,950****Furlongs Road**

TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, and meticulously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular convenient district. The stylish accommodation includes: reception hall, dining room, sitting room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen, through lobby with two stores and a separate toilet. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary fitted suite. Extensive parking, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £135,000****PENSNETT****Tansey Green Road**

This MOST ATTRACTIVE, SUPERBLY APPOINTED, MODERN, SEMI-DETACHED HOME, forms one of just four properties enjoying a secluded, private cul-de-sac setting with sunny gardens screened by trees and comprising: Canopy Porch, Hall with cloak/toilet off, superb Lounge with French windows to garden, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED KITCHEN with appliances, Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes plus En-Suite LUXURY BATHROOM, Second Double Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and balance of 10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY. Forelawn / Block-Paved Drive, additional Parking and STYLISH DECKED PATIO and LAWNED GARDEN. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£124,950****DUDLEY****Sledmore Road**

This traditional style, bay fronted, extended uPVC Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi Detached Home is well presented throughout, and may be of interest to both FIRST TIME BUYERS and young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, extended Lounge, Dining Room, extended Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, Garage, Driveway and a pleasant REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£119,950****PENSNETT****Primrose Park**

A LARGE MODERN 'MEWS' HOUSE which is located in a secluded cul-de-sac position, offering a VERY SPACIOUS, ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED and WELL APPOINTED layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Large 16ft. + Lounge, Inner Hall, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, generous full width Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and attractive Bathroom. BLOCK PAVED PARKING/ DRIVEWAY to the fore and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£117,950****HOLLY HALL****WORDSLEY****Newland Grove**

This traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE is situated in an established residential location, and may appeal to both FIRST TIMEBUYERS and YOUNG FAMILIES alike. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge / Dining Room, Kitchen Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a neat Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£114,950****Kirkpatrick Drive**

An ideal first purchase or for those looking to downsize, this LUXURY APPOINTED, GROUND FLOOR, TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT forms part of this stylish new development and enjoys an open outlook over landscaped gardens, offering GENEROUS, CONTEMPORARY STYLE accommodation, comprising: Security entrance to main lobby, Reception Hall, large Lounge with French doors and Juliet balcony, open plan to luxury fitted Kitchen with appliances, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, the Master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM, main Bathroom, HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With ALLOCATED PARKING plus VISITOR PARKING and surrounded by BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS/GROUNDS. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£106,950****HOLLY HALL****Hallchurch Road**

This MODERN STYLE, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom and townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£89,950****KINGSWINFORD****LOWER GORNAL**

Enjoying its own private entrance, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED GROUND FLOOR FLAT is greatly enhanced by a GOOD SIZED ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN and offers WELL APPOINTED and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Private Entrance Hall, spacious attractive Lounge with useful large store, refitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, Double Bedroom, classic white Bathroom; UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Pleasantly located within this sought after cul-de-sac upon 'High Acres' the flat is set back beyond a pebbled/paved forecourt and enjoys ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING to the rear. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£74,950**

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2008 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes: hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room (with 'walk in' bay & double French doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further laundry section, breakfast room. Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed suite & a shower room en suite, bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £310,000****WOMBOURNE****Bumblehole Meadows**

Superbly located within highly sought after Wombourne Village, this DISTINCTIVE DAVID PAINTE DETACHED FAMILY HOME forms part of this exclusive development and offers a VERY SPACIOUS arrangement of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS LOUNGE, separate formal dining room, fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (all having fitted wardrobes and the master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and house bathroom with 'light' colour suite. Set back beyond an attractive low maintenance forelawn, together with the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an EXCELLENT SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£237,950****WOODSETTON****Neath Way**

An attractive, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated detached family home enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac upon well regarded 'Poplars' development comprising traditional reception hall, spacious 18ft lounge, dining room with patio doors, breakfast kitchen, large utility/laundry room; four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom; original double garage sub-divided to create 'disabled suite' with a day/bedroom and wet room en suite, secluded gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £234,950 NOW £230,000****DUDLEY****Snowhill Gardens**

Enviably situated in favoured cul de sac just off Richborough Drive, an attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed detached family residence comprising traditional 14'3" reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, 15'9" breakfast kitchen, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, gardens (abutting onto adopted open space at rear). EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £227,950**



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**6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****DUDLEY****Lightwood Road**

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached constructed for present vendors' own occupation & comprising imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, storage cupboards, dining room with bay, 17'10" lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire & patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with fitted suite & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved foregarden & 13ft wide side area with potential, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £199,950****DUDLEY****Dibdale Road West**

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated Kendrick built double fronted detached in favoured/now well established neighbourhood. Superb accommodation includes L-shape reception hall, stone, fitted cloakroom with white suite, upgraded through dining kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden. Through living room with patio doors through to a magnificent uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (15' x 22'), three bedrooms (principal bedroom with recently reapportioned shower room en suite), bathroom, lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £185,950****DUDLEY****Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,950****SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate**

TREMENDOUS CORNER PLOT (WITH POTENTIAL) A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with further potential envially situated upon fine corner plot in highly favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, separate dining room (with patio doors), upgraded kitchen, lobby, boiler room, three bedrooms (possibilities of enlarging third bedroom into dormer?), reapportioned shower room with white suite, garage, extensive grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950****SEDGLEY****Bilston Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloaks cupboard, L-shape lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy block paved gated drive, brick garage, well tended secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £168,000****SEDGLEY****Queens Road**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character envially situated within reasonable walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities (with open fields). Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall (fifty ceiling height), lounge with bay, transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen (with double French doors out to garden), lobby, store, w.c. Three generous bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reapportioned bathroom with white contemporary style suite with chrome detailing, substantial brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £159,950****HIMLEY****£10,000 REDUCTION****The Limes**

A MOST IMPRESSIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT which forms part of the purpose built development for those of 55 years and over, set within BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS AND GROUNDS with the 'ham run' tennis village, and all within reach of surrounding shops/amenities, offering an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout of accommodation which is entered via a secure main entrance, comprising: entrance hall, up to 16' reception hall, superb 25' lounge with dining room area, feature fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, both with built in wardrobes and master with en suite shower room, main bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, TWO ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES. EPC Rating: B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Offers in the Region Of £154,950****SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached envially situated within reasonable/level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapportioned bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

Conveniently situated for the village (just off Central Drive), an exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2008 having been tremendously improved by present vendor & presented in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted/half tiled cloakroom (with white suite), further store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, extensive parking to front & landscaped secluded rear garden designed to ensure 'low maintenance'. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****DUDLEY****The Shrubbery**

An exceptionally stylish & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed FORMER SHOWHOME presented in exemplary order throughout with enhanced specification. Accommodation provides entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, cloaks cupboard, utility room, bedroom 3, shower room & an integral garage (NB: used as showhome office with dry lined/plaster skinned walls, additional sockets, strip lights & telephone points - further potential). To the first floor is a large 18'9" x 16' living/dining room & a well equipped 'chapel' hub of the house' breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & many integrated appliances. To the second floor, principal bedroom 1 with wardrobe & bathroom en suite & double bedroom 2 with wardrobe & shower room en suite. Secluded rear garden, two car parking to front. EPC Rating: B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****Cranbourne Avenue, Ettingshall Park**

EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached now requiring some sympathetic updating set in favoured district with lengthy level rear garden backing onto playing fields. Entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'6" lounge with patio doors, extended breakfast kitchen, lobby & outer porch. Three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****LOWER GORNAL****Garden Walk**

A COMPARATIVELY SPACIOUS, Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached CONVENIENTLY SITUATED within walking distance of the village in a 'quiet backwater'. The stylish accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, L shaped living/dining room (with double opening French doors out to the garden), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & numerous integrated appliances. To the first floor are two generous bedrooms, and a bathroom, and to the Second Floor a superb principal bedroom & separate shower room. Off road parking to front, and neat/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £145,000****LOWER GORNAL****Bank Road**

Only recently constructed - a gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached by renowned local builder covered by architect's certification & situated within immediate distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, living/dining room (with double opening French doors to outside), understairs cupboard, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, extensive parking, neat turfied & fenced garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £135,000****COSELEY****Chad Road, Bramford Estate**

An absolutely outstanding, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (new combi boiler) semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent months to an exemplary specification. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, delightful lounge with bay, pantry, separate dining room, refitted kitchen. Three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom, garage, neat garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £134,950****KINGSWINFORD****NOW AVAILABLE****Silva Avenue**

Enjoying a fantastic corner setting and superbly located within this delightful cul de sac upon highly sought after High Acres, this VERY SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED house is greatly enhanced by a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN and offers VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, full width lounge, fitted dining kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. The property is gently elevated and set back beyond a GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£129,950 - No Upward Chain****WORDSLEY****£5,000 REDUCTION****Brierley Hill Road**

An ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL, BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is conveniently located within this popular address, well placed for local amenities. The property offers a SPACIOUS and RE-APPOINTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted 'classic white' Bathroom. Set back beyond the DOUBLE-WIDTH BLOCK PAVED FORECOURT and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£124,950****LANESFIELD****Claire Crescent**

A modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room. To the first floor, three bedrooms, bathroom & separate toilet. BLOCK PAVED FOREGARDEN, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £116,950****SEDGLEY****High Holborn**

PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & recently uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of tremendous character with rare advantage of rear VEHICULAR ACCESS from Gate Street. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, elegant lounge with bay, transverse sitting room, cellar, refitted kitchen, shower room with white suite, separate w.c. THREE BEDROOMS (potential to incorporate 'spare room' above kitchen into the accommodation), garden with rear vehicular access. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £116,750****COSELEY****Berrington Drive**

A Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached in cul-de-sac just off Ivyhouse Lane conveniently situated for so many amenities, bus/rail transport routes etc. The property comprises: canopy porch (bin store off), entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, and a further store, kitchen, living/dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive (garage space subject to regulations), and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £110,000****LOWER GORNAL****Boundary Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation includes: reception hall, full width lounge, fitted dining kitchen, kitchen, lobby, Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, Block paved foregarden, LENGTHY DRIVE, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £108,000****SEDGLEY****Claremont Road**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of character with various original period features (fireplaces, doors, etc.) excellent situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring & O'Brien fields. Accommodation includes dining room with bay, lobby, sitting, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, two double bedrooms. Delightful sheltered rear garden & substantial concrete panel WORKROOM/STORE (light & power & rear pedestrian access). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £105,000****COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Rounds Hill Road**

A comprehensively modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been 'transformed' by present vendor in recent years. Situated within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes & many other amenities, the stylish accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room (with double French doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden (berbs dropped) & good size rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £110,000 NOW £103,950****BROCKMOOR****IDEAL FIRST BUY****Newtown**

This uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom End Terrace is situated in an established residential location and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. Accommodation briefly comprises: pleasant Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Two good sized Bedrooms, modern Bathroom, ample Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£94,950****LOWER GORNAL****Boundary Hill**

This traditional style, gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be an ideal first time purchase. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., through lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom & rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £94,500****DUDLEY****Occupation Street**

A particularly stylish, significantly modernised, gas centrally heated, 'combi boiler' and uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace in established/convenient district. Accommodation includes: living room with bay, inner lobby with understairs store, breakfast kitchen with a range of 'Old English Cream' finish units, and a tiled lobby/utility room. Two bedrooms, reapportioned/re-tiled bathroom with white contemporary style suite. Comparatively secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £79,950**



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2 Bed

Pedmore Road, DUDLEY



NEW



This immaculately presented and good sized end of terrace home situated in this perfect location for access to Merry Hill Shopping Centre and the local road network offers good sized accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, two good sized bedrooms and a modern refitted family bathroom to the first floor. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed, has ample off road parking for up to four vehicles and has good sized rear garden ideal for summer BBQs. Viewing is a must!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

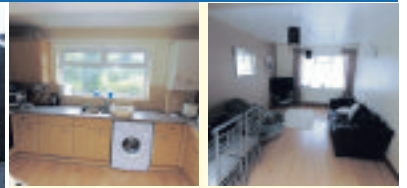
Offers Around  
**£97,500**

1 Bed

Ashenhurst Road, RUSSELLS HALL



NEW



A well presented first floor flat situated in this small purpose built block in this convenient location within walking distance of local amenities. The property has accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hallway, entrance hall, lounge which is open plan to kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed where stated, and has communal gardens. Early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:TBC

Netherton Office

Offers Around  
**£59,950**

2 Bed

Summerton Road, TIVIDALE



NEW

One of a selection of two bedroom ground floor apartments on the 'Coppice Gate' development recently built by George Wimpey. With accommodation to comprise: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, and a Bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, storage heaters, and designated off road parking. The development is situated close to Dudley Town centre and has good transport links in to Birmingham. A viewing is highly recommended for either first time buyers or buy to let investors - this apartment has been let for a number of years at £475 p.c.m.

EPC:B

Halesowen Office

Offers Invited  
**£84,950**

2 Bed

Bristnall Hall Road, OLDBURY



NEW PRICE

Offering an excellent opportunity to the first time purchaser, this well presented, two bedroomed mid town house benefits from central heating, double glazing and allocated parking to both front and rear. Comprising: Entrance hall, downstairs w.c., lounge, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden and being conveniently situated close to most amenities and road networks, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment!

EPC:B

Halesowen Office

**£119,950**

3 Bed

Wallace Road, OLDBURY



NEW

We are delighted to offer 'To Let' this sized three bedroom semi-detached home. Situated in this convenient location with good access to all local amenities and the road network. The property benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hallway, good sized lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Garden room. To the first floor is three excellent sized bedrooms. No DSS, small pets Considered, No Smokers. Available from the end of November. DEPOSIT: £690 ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:C

Halesowen Office

**£550 pcm**

3 Bed

Alpine Drive, NETHERTON



NEW

Situated in one of Netherton's most sought after and desirable locations, the Property Shop are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow offering an excellent opportunity being pleasantly situated within this popular cul-de-sac having views over Netherton Reservoir. Accommodation comprises: Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and bathroom. Benefitting from central heating, double glazing, garage and off road parking, together with well tended rear garden enjoying views across Netherton Reservoir, the property is also available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and we would therefore strongly recommend an early viewing in order to avoid missing out!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around  
**£224,950**

2 Bed

New Rowley Road, DUDLEY



NEW

We are delighted to offer 'To Let' this immaculately presented two bedroom second floor apartment. The property benefits from accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen, two double bedrooms, en-suite shower room to master bedroom and separate main bathroom. The property is ideally situated for access to all local amenities and the local road network. DSS Considered, Pets Considered, Smokers Considered (Outside only). Available from the end of November.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

**£485 pcm**

2 Bed

Aston Road, TIVIDALE



Situated in this very popular and convenient location within easy access of public transport links and Castle Gate entertainment complex, this well presented semi-detached house offers an excellent opportunity to FIRST TIME BUYERS - benefitting from double glazing, central heating and ample off road parking. Being tastefully decorated in a modern contemporary style, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge/dining room, EXTENDED, MODERN kitchen, two good sized bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom and a well tended garden to rear. Not to be missed - call now to view.

EPC:D

Halesowen Office

Offers Over  
**£110,000**

3 Bed

Regent Drive, OLDBURY



This attractively finished three bedroom semi-detached home is one you won't want to miss out on. Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac location this family home benefits from off road parking to the front and garden to the rear. Internally the property is finished to a high standard and further benefits from double glazing and gas central heating. Call us today to arrange a viewing on 0121 585 5081. Available beginning of November. No DSS, no smoking, no pets. DEPOSIT: £740 ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:D

Halesowen Office

**£595 pcm**



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## The Willows

249,999



A spacious family home set on corner plot boasts four double bedrooms, two en-suites, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, garage, Energy rating C.

## Himley Road

224,950



Traditional 5 BEDROOM DETACHED, three reception rooms, spacious kitchen breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, good sized rear garden. Energy rating E.

## Chase Road

200,000



Best and final offer to Connells 4-5 Stone Street, Dudley, DY1 1NS by midday Friday 25th October. Energy rating G.

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from £165,000



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## Grosvenor Road

154,950



A 3 bedroom detached, benefiting from no upward chain, kitchen, diner, lounge, rear garden, off road parking and garage. Energy rating D.

## Monins Avenue

139,950



A 3 BEDROOM property which must be viewed, having GREAT CANAL VIEWS, comprises lounge, KITCHEN DINER, GARAGE PARKING EPC C.

## Queens Road

128,000



An extended three bedroom semi with views to Victoria Park. Benefits two reception rooms, extended kitchen, Loft room, off road parking. Energy rating E.

## Warrens Hall Road

124,950



A three bedroom semi detached house with no upward chain, garage, off road parking, kitchen/diner, utility, w.c., lounge, upstairs bathroom. Energy Rating D.

## The Crescent

115,000



A traditional mid terrace briefly comprises lounge, refitted kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway giving. Energy rating D.

## Church Road

110,000



A well presented traditional mid terrace comprises porch, hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear. Energy rating E.

## Summerfield Road

105,000



This well presented two bedroom apartment is ideal for first time purchase or anyone looking to downsize benefits private entrance and communal gardens Energy rating B.

## Wheatshaf Road

99,950



A mid terrace with no upward chain comprises hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear. Energy rating TBC.

## Public Notice



91 Chichester Avenue, Netherton, DY2 9JL. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer £84,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

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## Cinder Bank

74,950



A two bedroom end terrace briefly comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, two bedrooms, No upward chain. Energy rating F.

## Nelson Road

70,000



A three bedroom terrace close to Dudley town centre having two reception rooms, kitchen, rear garden, double glazing as specified. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Energy rating E.

## Gill Street

69,995



A mid terrace property in need of refurbishment having two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, w.c., three bedrooms. No Upward Chain. Energy rating F.

## Public Notice



Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £65,000 for 4 Wren Street, Dudley, DY2 0NP. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 4-5 Stone Street, Dudley, DY1 1NS 01384 214770 before exchange of contracts.

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## St Johns Road

44,950



A two bedroom ground floor flat benefits from private front entrance, hallway, lounge, kitchen (please note this kitchen has no units or work surfaces). Energy rating D.

## Dudley Road

37,000



A one bedroom ground floor flat with no upward chain having gas central heating & double glazing having lounge, kitchen, bedroom, and off road parking. Energy rating C.

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### SEDGLEY



**HIGH STREET** • Exceedingly spacious trad style 5 Bed Detached, conveniently positioned on Sedgley outskirts with easy access to town centre facilities and with direct access to Wolverhampton • Superbly appointed interior ideal for comfortable family occupation • Porch and Hall • Pleasant Sitting Room • 231 long Lounge with wood burner style gas fire • Comprehensively fitted Kitchen • Impressive "P" shaped Conservatory providing Dining & Sitting Areas • Utility with Toilet off • 5 Bedrooms • Bathroom with both bath and shower • Sep Toilet • Garage and ample driveway parking • Gas CH and double glazing • Pleasantly mature rear garden

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### SEDGLEY



**SANDYFIELDS ROAD** Substantial trad style 3 Bed Detached in pleasantly established position on Sedgley outskirts, convenient for local facilities including schools • Meticulously maintained but perhaps in need of some cosmetic upgrading • Porch with Fitted Guests Cloaks • Hall • elegant Dining Room • Lounge • Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and hood • uPVC double glazed Conservatory and adjoining Garden Room • 3 Bedrooms, two with wardrobes • Bathroom • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Large Garage (29ft x 9ft) with electric door and Utility/Freezer Room • Magnificently laid out rear garden • EPC: D • NO CHAIN •

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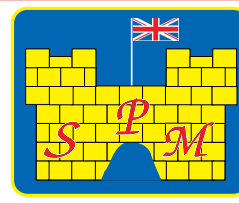
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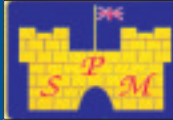
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This attractively presented Modern 2 bed First Floor Flat provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or professional couple and is pleasantly situated in this popular development off Compton Road. Briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, attractive Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, allocated car parking space and maintained Gardens. EPC-C

**Offers around £79,950**



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NEW PRICE

AN EXTENDED and beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, extended second reception room, extended dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, beautiful extensive rear garden and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

**o/o£180000**

**TIVIDALE  
Elm Terrace**

NEW PRICE

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**o/o £110,000**

**TIVIDALE  
Hodges Drive**

NEW PRICE

A beautifully presented four bedroom detached house briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom having en-suite, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking.

**£189,950**

**TIPTON  
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A five bedroom link detached house with hallway, large lounge with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, fitted kitchen, ensuite to master bedroom, garden to the rear, parking to the side and garage.

**£169,995**

**LOWER GORNAL  
Holloway Street**

NEW INSTRUCTION

An impressive family home, this FOUR BEDROOM house enjoys all the space available. A quality kitchen with hardwood flooring and dining area opens out onto the rear garden, across the bay fronted sitting room. Downstairs also features a utility room and WC. Three double bedrooms, including master bedroom with en suite shower room and beautiful fitted mirrored wardrobes, a single bedroom and a family bathroom with separate shower are located upstairs. The rear garden has a paved area and access to the garage and a gate leading to

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A three bedroom three storey mid terraced town house with hallway, downstairs wc, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, driveway, garage and garden to the rear

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A much improved and extended semi detached house with hallway, lounge with dining area, a converted garage which could be used as a dining room / play room, extended kitchen, side verandah, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms, a low maintenance garden to the rear and a double driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended.

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Fairway Avenue**

NEW PRICE

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**TIVIDALE  
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NEW PRICE

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**o/o£114,950**

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TO LET

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# Motoring

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## Mitsubishi workhorse must live up to proud name

By David Banner

**MITSUBISHI'S L200 is a famous name in UK pick-up circles but can the latest version of this workhorse cut it alongside its talented rivals?**

The pick-up was mopping up over 45 per cent of total sales in its 2003 heyday. Today's curvier version must face far stiffer competition from rival products, hence its Japanese marque's continual attempts to improve it. The latest models move the game on again, Mitsubishi offering a high specification and a generous helping of flash for the cash.

The L200 does the lifestyle pick-up thing better than any other model.

### Adventurous

It offers more adventurous styling and high spec versions called Warrior and Barbarian with lots of equipment. The underlying vehicle is more of a mixed bag. Build quality and road manners could be better but the L200 is manoeuvrable, tough and looks like good value for money.

It would be no exaggeration to say that Mitsubishi had much to do with the pick-up's meteoric rise to prominence on these shores. Sales in a sector dominated by the L200 grew by 347 per cent in the six years leading up to the end of 2004. That pace of growth subsequently tailed off but not before it caught the attention on other manufacturers, encouraging them to take the pick-up market more seriously. Mit-



The Mitsubishi L200 the lifestyle vehicle that changed the UK pick-up market

subishi's innovation was focusing on the pick-up truck as a leisure vehicle as well as a working one. The tax advantages accrued by people using one for family duties and as a company car proved attractive and Mitsubishi's chrome tinged L200 double cabs had the practicality and the attitude for this varied role.

Whichever L200 model you choose, and there are quite a few of them, there's a 2.5-litre common-rail injection diesel engine up front doing the hard work. In standard form, this engine turns in a healthy 134bhp and torque of

314Nm at 2,000rpm but a high power option is also available that tickles the output up to a macho 175bhp with 400Nm at 2,000rpm in manual form. This latter unit is capable of hitting 62mph from standstill in 12.1 seconds before rumbling on to a 111mph top speed.

The less powerful L200s take 15 seconds to reach 62mph and will eventually attain 103mph. The five-speed manual gearbox comes as standard but a five-speed automatic is also offered that features a Sport mode with more aggressive shift mapping.

Pick-up ride quality always leaves something



The L200's galvanised load area

to be desired compared to 4x4 passenger cars but the L200 doesn't do too badly. It's not the best UK-market pick-up to drive but it is one of the most manoeuvrable.

Some pick-ups have entry-level front-wheel-drive versions but not the L200. Whether it's the Easy Select 4WD system on the entry-level models or the Super Select 4WD set-up on the range-topping versions, all have all-wheel-drive. Easy Select models should be run in 2WD mode in normal conditions with a locked 4WD mode selectable on low friction surfaces.

The Super Select is an advanced full time 4x4

set-up similar to that found in Mitsubishi's Shogun. There are three basic bodystyles to mull over. The single cab is reserved very much for businesses that need a proper old school working pick-up. Its traditional two seats and extensive 2,220mm load length mean it prioritises cargo over cabin.

The second option is the Club cab. This is for single cab customers who might occasionally need to transport more than one passenger. It offers a 1,805mm load length with additional capacity behind the cabin's front seats for secure storage or to seat a couple of small ones.

Most L200 customers opt for a double cab body, a variant offered in any trim level you like. This is a four-door five-seater model.

The L200 trim level range reflects its goal of catering for business and private buyers. You have 4Work models at the base of the range equipped only with the basics. That means CD stereo, steel wheels, and the basic Easy Select 4x4 system. 4Life is a little plusher with air-conditioning, electric windows and keyless entry. Beyond that, we reach the high series L200s, double cab versions dubbed Warrior and Barbarian. These are the bigger sellers and the models that cross over between business and pleasure usage.

All of the high series L200 models feature the M-ASTC traction and stability control system as standard which is a really useful addition. The Warrior also features 17" alloy wheels, body-coloured wheel-arches, cruise control and climate control. The Barbarian is actually rather civilised, adding a colour screen satellite navigation system, a reversing camera, full leather trim and numerous styling accessories.

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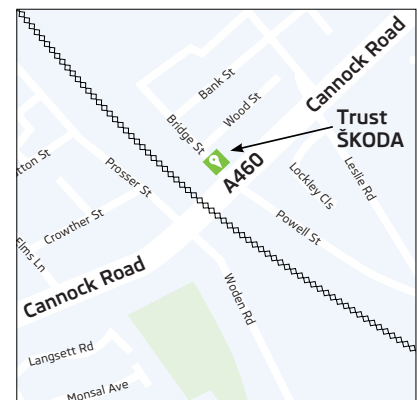


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The new Skoda Rapid Spaceback will be available in three trim levels - S, SE and Elegance

## **Prices and spec revealed for Skoda's Rapid Spaceback**

SKODA has announced prices and specifications for the new Rapid Spaceback ahead of its arrival in January 2014.

The highly anticipated addition to the Skoda line-up will be available in three generously-appointed trim levels: S, SE and Elegance, with prices starting from £14,340 on the road.

With its striking exterior design, practical interior and advanced engine range, the new Rapid Spaceback introduces a dynamic new dimension to the Skoda range. The second model in the Rapid range, it sets sector standards

for interior space and offers exceptional practicality thanks to its 415-litre boot. The Rapid Spaceback also comes with an array of personalisation options that allow buyers to tailor the car to their own tastes. Among the styling options are a large panoramic glass roof and extended tailgate glass, both of which give the Rapid Spaceback a unique appearance.

The engine range comprises of three petrol and two diesel units. Power outputs range from 86PS to 122PS, with customers able to choose between manual and advanced DSG automatic transmissions. The line-up will also include a GreenLine version with CO2

emissions of just 99g/km. More details for Rapid Spaceback GreenLine will be confirmed soon. Specification levels across the range are generous, with all three Spaceback models fitted with additional equipment over the Rapid. Air conditioning is standard across the line-up, along with curtain airbags, front electric windows and a height and reach adjustable steering column. SE models feature alloy wheels, acoustic rear parking sensors, cruise control and a Bluetooth telephone connection, while Elegance models add, among other items, climate control, height-adjustable passenger seat and cornering front fog lights.

## **An impressive show debut for Vauxhall's Insignia crossover**

Vauxhall's rugged SUV-inspired all-purpose Insignia Country Tourer is available to order now with prices starting from £25,349 on the road, up to £5,000 cheaper than its D-segment crossover rivals.

Known as the Insignia Country Tourer, and based on the Sports Tourer model, but with all-wheel drive, higher ground clearance and tougher styling, the new addition to Vauxhall's highly-acclaimed Insignia range received a rapturous reception when it was unveiled.

Customers can choose between two trim levels, Country Tourer, priced from £25,349 to £29,709 on the road,

and Country Tourer Nav, priced from £26,499 to £30,859 on the road.

Country Tourer trim features generous standard spec including bi-xenon adaptive front lighting, power tailgate and front and rear parking sensors. On top of this, Country Tourer Nav gets Navi 900 IntelliLink sat nav with 8in colour touch screen, multi-function touch-pad controller and an 8in digital instrument cluster as standard.

Each model has a choice of two powerful 2.0 CDTi engines, including a 163PS with start/stop and a hot 195PS BiTurbo unit. The 163PS engine is available with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission, and the BiTurbo comes with the automatic gearbox only. Crucially,

entry-level Insignia Country Tourer Nav pricing undercuts that of key D-segment crossover rivals including the Audi A4 Allroad by over £5,000 and the Volkswagen Passat Alltrack by £2,400.

"With competitive pricing and generous standard equipment levels, the Insignia Country Tourer looks set to shake up the D-segment crossover sector," said Stuart Harris, Vauxhall's head of carline brand.

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**TRACY** 35yr old blonde petite  
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**TALL** dark, handsome male, 54,  
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**SLIM** active lady, 60's, N/S,  
seeks honest, kind gent, 57-62  
for friendship, maybe more. Tel  
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407693

**MARIA** 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins,  
caring, 5ft 5ins, likes walks,  
reading, holidays, seeks sincere  
male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955  
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**BLONDE** blue eyed 72yr old  
widow, GSOH, young at heart,  
seeks honest, caring gent of  
similar age for holidays,  
weekends away and happy  
times, friendship, maybe more.  
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407113

**MEDIUM** build female, 66,  
widow, 5ft 5ins, likes walks,  
reading, holidays, seeks sincere  
male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955  
Box No: 407003

**CARING** female, likes Indian  
rock music, concerts, cinema,  
seeks North Staffs male, 40-55  
for friendship/relationship. Tel  
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3955 Box No: 406449

**SARAH** 24, brunette, brown  
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**46YR** old British Asian male, 5ft  
9ins, slim, caring, kind, GSOH,  
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maybe more. Tel No: 0906  
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**MALE** 51, seeks lady to spoil  
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seeking professional gent. Tel  
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**BLONDE** attractive educated  
lady 50, young minded, seeks  
professional tall male, 45-55 for  
friendship, maybe more. Tel No:  
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318118

**48YR** old attractive female  
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**SHAZ** 33 easygoing voluptuous  
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art, meals out, seeks male with  
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**YOUNG** looking 50's male,  
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maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500  
3955 Box No: 408177

**5FT** 10ins slim male, 50's brown  
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**BLACK** male early 40's,  
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408327

**FUN** loving male, 5ft 10ins, slim,  
GSOH, seeks mature female,  
50-65 for meals out and daytime  
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seeks female for friendship,  
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**TALL** attractive male, 54, seeks  
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**SINGLE** male 59, no ties,  
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## Yeltz are put out of a second trophy run

**FA Trophy  
1st Qualifying Round  
Halesowen Town 1  
St Neots Town 3**

HALESOWEN exited a second national cup competition within a week as much changed St. Neots exerted their Southern Premier Division status.

A clever Tom Tonks flick put Ben Haseley clear in the fourth minute but goalkeeper Niall Conroy made an excellent fingertip save.

Fellow striker Iyseden Christie then did well to hold off the visiting defence and set up Haseley to fire high.

The Saints' defender David Deeney punished the Yeltz by heading home directly from Lewis Hilliard's 25th minute corner.

On-loan Luton Town striker Jake Woolley then drove home into the bottom corner to double the lead.

Edward Adjei ended Halesowen's hopes by clinically claiming a third St. Neots' goal in the 79th minute although Joe Hull headed home Elliott Turner's 87th minute corner to give Halesowen some deserved consolation.

## Heathens aiming for clean sweep

DUDLEY aim to complete a magnificent clean sweep of National honours when they host the Knockout Cup Final on the biggest night of the modern Heathens era next Tuesday.

Boss Will Pottinger is desperate to see the league champions continue the old Cradley tradition of winning the cup after their amazing record of eight wins between 1979-89.

They will face either Isle of Wight or Mildenhall on what is sure to be an emotional night as it will be the first time the team have raced as league champions in front of their home support.

Normal admission prices apply - £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children and a special 40-page souvenir programme will be produced for £3.

Heathens have also revealed a high demand for tickets to their end of season celebration night on Friday, November 15.

For tickets contact the club website [www.dudley-heathens.co](http://www.dudley-heathens.co).

# Unbeaten Tividale make it 10 in a row

**Continental Stars FC 2  
Tividale FC 3**

TIVIDALE continued the perfect start to the league season with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Continental Star at Rushall Olympics' Dales Lane ground.

In a one-sided opening 25 minutes Tividale completely dominated the game with Tividale's wide men Ryan Winwood and Jason Chilton in particular getting a lot of joy down the Star flanks.

Credit must go to the Star defence as they withstood the onslaught and put everything on the line to prevent Tiv's frontmen

of Nathan Waite and Stuart How being able to either get on the end of, or convert the chances created.

Tividale also had what looked like a decent penalty claim when How went down under a challenge from Michael Crawford, but referee Kerrigan waived play on.

As can often happen, Tividale were duly punished for their inability to get on the score sheet when, with their first real venture into the Tividale half, Star took the lead on 25 minutes.

The always dangerous Davion Hamilton controlled a clearance up field, turned, ran at the Tividale

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defence and as he was about to be closed down fired a swerving shot into the bottom right hand corner of keeper Charles Price's net.

With the goal brought a sense of confidence from the home team and Rico Taylor was unlucky with an effort two minutes later.

At the other end Tividale were still wasting chances but on 33 minutes Star could only half clear another ball into the box and there was Waite to hook the ball home.

The second half was played in

torrential rain and it was a much more even affair as the home side decided to adopt the attitude of attack being the best form of defence.

On 64 minutes it was Tividale who broke the deadlock when an awful mix-up between Star keeper Robert Dolman and one of his defenders allowed Nathan Waite to close them down and win the ball, but in what seemed an impossible position, on the byeline 10 yards from goal, he hit a shot from an acute angle that seemed to go under Dolman and into the net. Ten minutes later it looked to be

game, set and match as substitute Karl Edwards headed home Tividale's third.

But Star were not finished yet and made sure of a nervy last 16 minutes when 17-year-old Simeon Cobourne made it 3-2.

Star then threw everything at the Tivs but just could not fashion that telling chance for the equaliser.

At the other end Tividale, who were now playing on the counter attack, were also finding some joy against a tiring defence but seemed intent on running down the clock to the final whistle.

## Side show they know how to six things up

**County Cup**

**Halesowen 6 Bilbrook 1**

BILBROOK are two divisions above the Yeltz and so far undefeated in their respective league, so on paper this would be Halesowen's toughest game so far this season.

The deadlock was broken when Haley Chatwin received the ball from Sarah Hamill and with a little trickery slotted the ball past the lonely keeper. Gemma Moss scored a fantastic header off a perfect corner of Katie Moore on 28 minutes.

Yeltz were on fire and within a minute made it 3-0, Chatwin doubling her tally.

Speedy striker Rachel Letford got her first goal of the game when Sian Whithall put through a perfect weighted ball leaving Letford to score.

In the second half Halesowen made it five with fantastic work from Letford.

Bilbrook scored when a simple shot should have been easily collected by Hannah Tromans but an awkward bounce popped it over her foot.

The final goal came as Letford scored her hat-trick.

## Bala is key to beating Lockmen

**Dudley Town 6  
Willenhall Town 1**

DRENIZ BALA netted his second hat-trick of the season as the Lockmen were hit for six and Dudley jumped to third place in the West Midlands Premier League.

Willenhall held out for 20 minutes before Bala opened the scoring. Close to half time Tom Gadd scored.

The Robins then added two more in first-half stoppage time. Adam Callinswood found Rion Francis-Mills on the edge of the six-yard box and he played the ball out to Bala who smashed home.

Number four followed immediately as a shot cannoned off Booth and fell at the feet of Callinswood, who had the simple task of slotting home.

Bala completed his hat-trick from a seemingly impossible angle.

Jake Morgan pulled one back for the Lockmen on 70 minutes. Dudley added a sixth through Francis-Mills.

# Tipton's awayday woes go on as side outplayed

**Heather St Johns 2 Tipton Town 1**

TIPTON Town awayday woes continued as they crashed to a disconcerting defeat at Heather St John's.

Against a side that had only won three points this campaign, Tipton were outplayed in every department and took exactly what they deserved from the game. Without the club's three recognised goalkeepers, Tipton boss Ian Rowe called upon the services of young goalkeeper Mariusz Kiesiel from Chasetown.

The youngster performed admirably but was unable to do anything to prevent the two goals that cost Tipton the match.

From the start the home side were more positive.

HSJ took the lead on 15 minutes when an excellent Harry Preece free kick into the box eluded the Tipton defence and skipper Jack Coulson scored with a thumping header.

The home side almost doubled their lead seven minutes later when James Slack latched on to a long ball and knocked it past the rushing Kiesiel but blazed over with the Tipton defence rushing back to cover the goal.

Tipton upped their game with the half coming to a close and Mike Perks had the best opportunity to equalise.

Mike Perks had to leave the field after a nasty collision with an advertising hoarding while defending and was replaced by debutant Connor Gater.

Just after the hour, HSJ doubled their lead when James Slack broke the offside trap, evaded a des-

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perate tackle by Chris Waterhouse and calmly fired home past Kiesiel.

Tipton inevitably stepped up the momentum in a bid to get back into the game.

Gater's free kick was bound for the top left hand corner until Woodward's excellent save denied him and five minutes later Danny Ashton's shot ended up flying wide.

On 90 minutes - with 10 minutes injury time to play due to Perks' injury - Marvin Nisbett finally broke the offside trap only to tamely shoot at Woodward and at the other end Kiesiel produced an excellent save to deny Alex Rowland.

Six minutes later substitute Justin Nixon grabbed his first goal for the club with a header from Gater's pass.

With just seconds on the clock, Coulson - who had been lucky to avoid straight red cards for first an elbow in the face of Ben Hadley and then a deliberate kick in the ribs of Nisbett - earned his dismissal after hacking down Danny Ashton.

## Daniel returns to club with a haul of medals

A YOUNG martial artist proved his skills during a competition, from which he returned with four gold medals and a trophy honouring the top pupil.

Daniel Eccles first took up karate more than three years ago and has already achieved his 1st Dan black belt.

The 12-year-old, who attends Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal, is a member of the Birmingham and Halesowen Shotokan Karate Club.

And he travelled down to the Akeley Wood Senior School, Buckingham, to compete in the Autumn Championships.

The youngster, of Gornal Wood, beat off tough competition to take gold in an individual kata; a paired kata and two team competitions.

He was also awarded the trophy for most outstanding pupil.

Proud mum Christine said: "He first started karate around three and a half years ago.

"It was just something he wanted to try and really he has gone from success to success.

"He has great teachers at the club."



Daniel Eccles from Gornal, who is a member of the Birmingham and Halesowen Shotokan Karate Club, with the medals he won in a championship competition



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## Old Hales dig in to grab the victory

**Old Hales 25**  
**South Leicester 11**  
THE visitors as expected took the ball on in the pack to score an early try.

Hales fought back with good ground from the boot of Pete Clifford. A penalty and yellow card for South followed which was converted. The second half saw South in the ascendancy with driving mauls and pressure resulting in two penalties against Hales.

Shortly after Mark Evans picked up from the base, fed Clifford who sprinted to the line for a great try.

Hales then took the game to South with pressure from Robinson, Oxford and Hooper.

A scrum on the visitors 22 saw Carl Robinson score in the corner. Clifford made it 20-11.

Evans took the line out ball and a driving maul saw him score the final try.

Hales are away to Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

**Old Yardians 1sts 38**  
**Old Halesonians 2nds 24**

Old Hales had the best of the early possession but when they over eagerly tried to spread the ball wide to the right, the Old Yards wing swooped on to an interception to score a simple try that was converted. Tom Harris and Jack Manners were among the scorers.

**RFC 3rds 22**  
**Wednesbury 2nds 0**

## Single goal sinks Gornal

**Gornal Athletic 0**  
**Walsall Wood 1**

A COREY CURRITHERS goal in the dying seconds gave Wood their third consecutive League victory away from home.

Both sides had played some attractive approach football but neither side could make the final breakthrough - until Currithers a minute before full time.

In the first minute from a Wood free kick Joey Butlin climbed highest to power a header over the far angle.

Athletic started to get a foothold in the game, Tony Okome fed Alando Lewis wide left, he made the byeline and his low near post cross was well held by Wood keeper Raajan Gill.

There was a quiet start to the second half until on 55 minutes Sangha fired an effort just wide.

On 89 minutes Currithers forced the ball home underneath the brave keeper.

## Glassboys win with sub's last minute strike

**FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round**  
**Stourbridge 3 Banbury United 2**

DEBUTANT Kayelden Brown came off the bench to net a last minute winner for the Glassboys as Gary Hackett's men claimed a seventh successive win on the trot and booked their place in the next round.

The former WBA striker has had to drop out of the professional game with a knee complaint, but is looking to make his mark in non-league football and this was a great way to get his Stourbridge career underway.

The home side had the better of a stop-start first period and they certainly started in confident mood, despite missing two key

### Football

figures in king-pin centre-half Nathan Bennett and attacker Ben Billingham.

In the 6th minute Drew Canavan worked a one-two with Luke Benbow before standing up a cross from the right-hand side of the box for Benbow to attack, but his header bounced down and over the crossbar.

It took the glassboys 10 minutes to forge ahead when Ryan Rowe who put the ball into the far bottom corner of the net.

Banbury sought an immediate reply and Kyle Fraser-Allen wasn't too far away with

a first-time shot from the edge of the box. Stourbridge had to make a change on 22 minutes with Roly Agbor replacing the injured Rowe.

Taking the game to the home team, Banbury applied some early pressure after the break with sub Anderson Pinto curling a 20-yard shot over Dean Coleman's crossbar and in the 48th minute they drew when Adeyinka Talabi fired home.

Stourbridge grabbed the lead again as Agbor hit a sweetly struck shot beyond Bedwell.

With 12 minutes left Banbury grabbed an equaliser out of nowhere with Lawless

seizing on a loose ball and wrapping his foot around it to curl a delightful shot from around 25 yards out inside Coleman's left-hand upright.

Stourbridge responded on 86 minutes with Drake feeding Agbor who turned past his marker and accelerated to the left-hand byeline before pulling the ball back to Brown, but he drilled over the bar from six yards. Just when a replay looked inevitable though, Stourbridge snatched a last gasp winner with Geddes threading a pass into the run of Brown and he rounded Bedwell and kept his nerve to tuck away the ball and give Stourbridge a narrow victory.

## DK Vets hit score famine

**KCRFC 2nd XV 22**  
**DK Vets 0**

THE seconds took centre stage in front of a decent Maripool Lane crowd who were indebted to the visitors for stepping in at the last minute after a late cry off by scheduled opponents Aston Old Edwardians.

KC's got off to a flying start with a try inside the first minute.

Then Will Varley out-flanked the Vets' defence and he touched down in the left hand corner.

Alex Thompson put in a long clearance kick which was chased by right wing Ross Ashcroft who was first to the ball and he put in support runner Rich Sollom to double the lead.

Six minutes later KC won a lineout on the visitors' five metre line and after a series of drives by the forwards they worked the narrow side and left wing Ian Burgess powered over to extend the advantage to 15-0.

KC did not have to wait long for their fourth try.

A crisp move was finished off by Thompson whose try was converted by Machin to give the hosts a comfortable 22-0 half-time lead.

DK began the second half determined but never got on the scoreboard.

## Championship to run at Dunstall

A NEW all-weather racing championship series boosted by a £2m prize-money injection will start at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

The series, devised by the owners of the track, Arena Racing Company, will have its finale at Lingfield next year when racing is staged for the first time on Good Friday. Dunstall Park will host two new races worth £19,000.

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# TIME RUNS OUT AS DK TRY FOR A WIN

**Bromsgrove 32 Dudley Kingswinford 25**  
**IN a highly compelling and entertaining game at Finstall Park, Dudley came so close to snatching a late victory.**

They were however, be denied by the intervention of the assistant referee for the second week running.

The official spotted an infringement that no one else in the ground saw, denying Dudley an attacking penalty line out in what turned out to be the last attacking play of the match.

Dudley introduced two new faces with on loan centre Ashley Oyekean (Stourbridge) and new back Tomas Scrivens (Cinderford) joining the squad.

There was a recall of veteran flanker Ian Langford for his first game in almost 18 months. They also welcomed back flanker and head coach Pete Knight after five weeks off following a knee injury.

### Gifting

The visitors eventually gave Bromsgrove a difficult afternoon, but that was after gifting the home side a dream start by allowing them to race to a 21 point lead within the first 20 minutes with three tries scored by Phil Horton;

Oliver Bache and George De Cothi all converted by Jon Critchlow.

All resulted from a combination of poor defensive organization and poor tackling.

However, from that point on DK were the better team although to be fair Bromsgrove were always a threat on the counter.

After the opening onslaught, the Dudley pack

### Rugby

eventually found the measure of the home forwards.

New on-loan centre Ashley Oyekean got over the line but the ball was adjudged to be held up.

DK continued to press and former Bromsgrove boy, Steve Blackburn forced his way over for a try which Gareth Bown failed to convert.

However, De Cothi exploited a defensive error wide out and raced 40 metres for his second try with Critchlow missing the conversion.

Dudley opened the second half strongly and were rewarded with a penalty converted by Gareth Bown.

However, a similar offence by the visitors a few minutes later was penalised and Jon Critchlow landed a 40 metre penalty to increase the home side's lead.

An inspired DK then grabbed two tries in five minutes. First, flanker Luke Greenwood and then centre Ashley Oyekean cut through the Bromsgrove defence to score, but Bown missed both conversions.

With 15 minutes left Connah Jones raced through a scrambling Bromsgrove defence to score close to the posts with Bown adding the extras.



DK's Gareth Bown with support on his shoulder is stopped by Bromsgrove player as during a match hit by rain

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